

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021010067

Project Title: State Route (SR)-74 Bridge Replacement Project (EA-08-1G470), Environmental Permit Information Management System EPIMS-RIV-26860-R6.

Project Location (include county): The project is located at the SR-74 Bridges over Morrell Canyon Creek and Strawberry Creek in the County of Riverside, State of California. The Morrell Canyon Creek Bridge is located at Post Mile (PM) 3.08 on SR-74 in the Santa Ana Mountains within the Cleveland National Forest, just south of the intersection of SR-74 and the Tenaja Truck Trail; Latitude 33.616155°, Longitude -117.425994°. The Strawberry Creek Bridge is located at SR-74 PM 53.5 in the San Jacinto Mountains in the San Bernardino National Forest, between the City of Hemet and the community of Mountain Center; Latitude 33.711233°, Longitude -117.769184°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-RIV-26860-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation District 8. The Project will permanently impact 0.068 acres of Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources. The Project will construct new bridges on top of existing historic bridges at Morrell Canyon Creek and Strawberry Creek.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 3/23/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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 Signature _____ Date: 5/27/2022
 Alisa Ellsworth, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____