

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021020159

Project Title: Adelanto Switching Station Expansion Project Amendment #1 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-26828-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to the Mojave River, within the City of Adelanto, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.433742, Longitude -117.38119; The project is located west of U.S. Route 395 (US 395) and north of State Route 18 (SR-18).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued Amendment No.1 to the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-26828-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of Los Angeles – Department of Water and Power.

The Amendment will expand the Project footprint to account for clearing and grading at Pole Line 6, Pole Line 5, and grading around Pole 8 to install a foundation and temporary tower. The Amendment shall also extend the Project term.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 20, 2023. The Adelanto Switching Station Expansion Project (Project) involves replacement of aging infrastructure and improvement of long-term energy transmission reliability, as well as improvements to meet current and future transmission demands 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 environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** 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 Final EIR 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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