

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 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-26828-R6) Amendment No. 2

Project Location (San Bernardino County): 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 amended Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-26828-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, City of Los Angeles – Department of Water and Power.

The Amendment will expand the Project footprint to account for the erection of two permanent and two temporary towers to support direct current transmission lines. The impact footprint accounts for the potential tower location changes, the need for tower access, and staging. The Amendment will also extend Aster Road to give access to the new Converter Station for long-term operation and maintenance. The road expansion includes installation of a roadway, construction of a culvert consisting of 140 linear feet of 15-inch concrete pipe with riprap at the inlet and outlet, as well as a retention basin approximately 160 feet by 70 feet with a depth of approximately 10 feet. Lastly, the Amendment will include the addition of mitigation for project impacts of 1.046 acres of streambed through the purchase of conservation or mitigation bank credits through a CDFW-approved conservation or mitigation bank.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 1, 2025 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** 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.

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The Mitigated 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: Brandy Wood Date: 5/1/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____