

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021090551

Project Title: Reservoirs 4711-3 and 4711-4 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-29790-R6)

Project Location (County of Riverside): The Project site is located in Pushawalla Canyon within the unincorporated community of Indio Hills, CA. The Project site is located within the southwest corner of APN 750-130-005.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-RIV-29790-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Coachella Valley Water District.

The Project includes impacts to streams associated with the construction of two 1,000,000-gallon aboveground welded-steel tanks, Reservoirs 4711-3 and 4711-4, followed by the demolition of the two existing 100,000-gallon aboveground bolted-steel tanks, Reservoirs 4711-1 and 4711-2.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 14, 2023, 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.

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: _____ Date: 12/14/2023
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Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____
