

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021120427

Project Title: Interstate 15 Rehabilitate Existing Mainline and Ramp Pavement Project (EA 08-0K122), Western Joshua Tree Conservation Act Incidental Take Permit No. 1927-ITP-2023-025-06 (ITP).

Project Location (include county): The project is located along Interstate 15 within the City of Hesperia, San Bernardino County, State of California; and is depicted on the USGS Baldy Mesa Quadrangle 7.5 minute topographical maps. The coordinates of the project are Latitude 34.390194, Longitude -117.408201

Project Description: The Project is comprised of resurfacing an existing interstate highway, upgrading highway features, and adjusting and constructing drainage features. The Project includes up to 0.1 acre of ground disturbing activities in close proximity to a single western Joshua tree. This ITP covers Project activities to construct a new culvert at PM 31.1 that includes encroachment of one (1) Covered Species.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on March 13, 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 / 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 Heidi Calvert *Date:* 3/13/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____