

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022010471

Project Title: Interstate 10 Orris Ditch Rock Slope Protection Repair Project, Environmental Permit Information Management System EPIMS-RIV-31413-R6 Major Amendment No. 1.

Project Location (County of Riverside): The Project is located at the Orris Ditch Bridges on the east and west bound lanes of the I-10 at PostMile (PM) 91.9 in the Chuckwalla Valley, between the community of Chiriaco Summit and Red Cloud Mine Road, in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.66990°, Longitude 115.623098°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an amendment to the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-RIV-31413-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation District 8. The Project will temporarily impact 0.25 acre and permanently impact 0.58 acre of Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources. The Project will install partially grouted rock slope protection on the channel banks and across the entire channel bottom upstream, downstream of the I-10 bridges and within the median of the east and westbound lanes.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the amended project described above on November 29, 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 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: 11/29/2023
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____