

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022030312

Project Title: Gilman Springs Shoulder and Median Widening Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-31353-R6)

Project Location (County of Riverside): The Gilman Springs Shoulder and Median Widening Project (Project) is located on unnamed tributaries that flows into Mystic Lake, along Gilman Springs Road, east of Mystic Lake, from approximately 1.29 miles north of Jack Rabbit Trail to approximately one mile south of Bridge Street, in unincorporated Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.88055° N and Longitude -117.05777° W; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute El Casco and Lakeview quadrangles in Sections 21, 22, 26, and 27 of Township 3 South, Range 2 West, and Sections 31 and 36 of Township 3 South, Range 1 West.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-RIV-31353-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Project Applicants, Riverside County Transportation Department (Permittee), as represented by Jan Bulinski.

The Project is limited to impacts to 14 unnamed ephemeral drainages from the extension and/or reconstruction of the existing culvert crossings associated with the widening of the median and shoulders along Gilman Springs Road.

The Streambed Alteration Agreement is being issued regarding the Project's impacts to fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq. and associated compensatory mitigation requirements. The Project will temporarily impact 0.628 acres and permanently impact 0.591 acres of fish and wildlife resources pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq. To compensate for temporary impacts to 0.628 acres of fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq., the Project Applicant will restore 0.628 acres onsite. To compensate for permanent impacts to 0.591 acres of fish and wildlife resources subject to Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq., the Project Applicant shall purchase no less than 1.773-acres of Re-establishment credits through Riverpark Mitigation Bank, or through permittee responsible mitigation at an approved location within Western Riverside County.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on February 23, 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.

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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: 2/23/2023

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____