

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022040454

Project Title: State Route -18 Culvert Rehabilitation (EA 08-1J310) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-41151-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino): The State Route 18 Culvert Rehabilitation (EA 08-1J310) Project (Project) includes the rehabilitation of 26 culverts along State Route (SR) 18 from Arrowbear Drive to 1.3 miles west of Big Bear Dam from PostMile (PM) 34.0 to PM 44.3. The culverts are located within 24 separate streams including Deep Creek and Unnamed Tributaries of Deep Creek and Bear Creek, in the County of San Bernadino.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-41151-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation – District 8.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 06/28/2024 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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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____