

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022060556

**Project Title:** Interstate 10/Rock Slope Protection Project (1J470) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-37489-R6)

**Project Location** The Interstate 10 (I-10) PM 87.9-91.0 Rock Slope Protection Replacement Project (EA 08-1J470) (Project) is located at the Determination Ditch (PostMile (PM) 90.9) and Three-Star Ditch (PM 87.9) Bridges on the east and west bound lanes of the I-10 in the Chuckwalla Valley, between the community of Chiriaco Summit and Red Cloud Mine Road, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS- RIV-37489-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

The Project is located within the existing Caltrans right-of-way and will repair the existing rock slope protection. Project activities include the removal of vegetation from the bed, bank and channel of Determination and Three-Star Ditches, removal of existing degraded riprap from the channel banks, and installation of partially grouted riprap.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 20, 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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