

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022090314

Project Title: Quail Tank III Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-39611-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Project is located east of Goetz Road, west of Valley Boulevard, and southeast of South Canyon Drive, in the City of Menifee, Riverside County, State of California; Latitude 33.70786° N and Longitude -117.23011° W; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Romoland 7.5-minute quadrangle in Section 30, Township 5 South, Range 3 West. The Project is located within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 341-050-006 and 341-050-007.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-39611-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the Project Applicant, Eastern Municipal Water District.

The Project will consist of impacts from the grading and fill of one unnamed tributary that connects to Canyon Lake for the construction of a 1.63-million-gallon (mg) potable water tank, detention basin, and components that would connect to the existing adjacent water facilities infrastructure. The existing 0.03 acre of rip rap and culvert (comprised of 0.01 acre and 33 linear feet of rip/rap at culvert outfalls and 0.02 acre and 198 linear feet of culvert) will be replaced with the construction of 240 linear feet of culvert that will convey the flows from offsite to the north into, and out of, the basin to be constructed as part of the Project design.

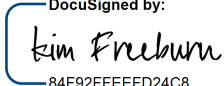
The Project will permanently impact 0.07 acres of streambed, bank, and channel with 0.02 acres of direct replacement of existing culverts and riprap. The Project will compensate for the remaining permanent impacts of 0.05-acres of stream bed, bank, and channel, through the acquisition of no less than 0.10 acres of Re-establishment/rehabilitation credits through Riverpark Mitigation Bank, or other CDFW- approved mitigation bank within Western Riverside County.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 3, 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.

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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: 11/3/2023
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Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____