

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number:

Project Title: VBR (RIVERSIDE COUNTY; APN 663-280-025) EPIMS-RIV-25379-R6

Project Location (include county): The project is located at 6500 Two Bunch Palms Trail an unnamed tributary to Morongo Wash, in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.947669, Longitude -116.523706; APN 663-280-025.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-RIV-25379-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Roland Gentner/VBR.

The project is limited to the indoor cannabis cultivation facility on approximately 18.3 acres consisting of a) five, approximately 75,280 square foot (SF) metal cultivation buildings, b) three storage/supply units (one 9,000-SF, and two 2,500 SF units), c) a 3,000 SF security building; and a perimeter fence around the entire site resulting in the permanent loss of 0.8 acre of ephemeral stream.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 20, 2022 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.

Signature

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____