

# Notice of Determination

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***SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.***

**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):** 2022120710

**Project Title:** Interstate 15 Temecula Auxiliary Lanes Project

**Project Applicant:** California Transportation Commission

**Project Location (include county):** Interstate 15 postmile R3.5 to R6.8 in Temecula, Riverside County

**Project Description:** The San Diego Water Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2024-0033) to the Project Applicant.

The Discharger proposes to construct auxiliary lanes I-15 at the following locations:

- (1) NB auxiliary lane from Rancho California Rd. on-ramp to Winchester Rd. off-ramp (approximately 4600 feet from about PM 5.2/6.1);
- (2) SB auxiliary lane from Winchester Rd. on-ramp to Rancho California Rd. off-ramp (approximately 7000 feet from about PM 5.0/6.3);
- (3) (SB auxiliary lane from Rancho California Rd. on-ramp to Temecula Parkway off-ramp (approximately 5300 feet from about PM 3.7/4.7); and

Ramp widening at NB and SB on ramps of Rancho California Rd, bridge widening of Empire Creek (at PM 5.4), rehabilitating lights and signs, restoring drainage systems, implementing transportation system element, upgrading of curb ramps in compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and upgrading of highway appurtenances to improve roadside safety

This is to advise that the San Diego Water Board, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on May 16, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the San Diego Water Board's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by the San Diego Water Board for this project.
6. Findings were not made by the San Diego Water Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration is available to the general public at the office of the Lead Agency listed above. The record associated with the San Diego Water Board's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No.R9-2024-0033/PIN\_893252).

Signature (Public Agency) of David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.  
Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.