

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: Benton Road Extension (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-30988-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Benton Road Extension Project (Project) is located within an unnamed tributary to the Santa Margarita River, between Benton Road and Auld Road, just west of Pourroy Road, in the French Valley area, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.590272 Longitude -117.104291; Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 963-010-006. The Project is within Section 5, Township 7 South, Range 2 West and is included within the lands shown on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) – Bachelor Mountain quadrangle, 7.5 Minute Series topographic map

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-30988-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Mike Byer of Richland Communities.

The Benton Road Extension Project includes the construction of two road crossings over the unnamed stream where the roads crossings will have a 36-inch and 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe along with ¼ ton riprap placed. Road crossings will consist of the installation of two sets of concrete headwalls, underground pipe, and outlet structures.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on January 25, 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 **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 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: 1/25/2023

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____