

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023040675

Project Title: North Cathedral City Flood Control - 2024 Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-49896-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The North Cathedral City Flood Control - 2024 Project (Project) is located in Cathedral City, within Riverside County, California. The proposed Project site is located within the northwestern portion of the City, approximately 130 feet southwest of Interstate 10 (I-10) and 0.8 mile east of Gene Autry Road. Latitude/longitude: 33.866201, -116.491569. The Project is located within Accessor's Parcel Number 660-320-011.

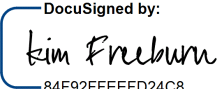
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-49896-R6).

The Project is limited to impacts to streambed associated with the construction of a flood control facility comprising an engineered channel that would permanently reestablish fluvial and sediment transport processes from Salvia, Edom, and Willow Washes (the eastern branch of Mission Creek) north of the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) bridge, under the UPRR bridge in a southerly direction and into the Whitewater River.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 20, 2024, 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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Signature: _____ Date: 12/20/2024

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____