

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023050589

Project Title: Skyview Road Pedestrian Bridge Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-42644-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Project is located at French Valley Creek east of Highway 79 (Winchester Road) and approximately 0.5 miles north of Thompson Road in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.606959, Longitude -117.107174; Township 6 South, Range 2 West, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map of the San Bernardino Base Meridian (Exhibit 1). The Project is located within Assessor's Parcel Numbers 480-160-025, 480-320-037, 480-620-007, 480-160-021, 480-160-024, 480-320-033, and 480-320-038.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-42644-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the Project Applicant, Riverside County Transportation Department.

The Project will consist of impacts to French Valley Creek through the construction of a pedestrian bridge within French Valley Creek that will consist of an 18-foot-wide walkway and will be approximately 370 feet long and 22 feet tall from the bottom of the river channel to the top of the handrailing at its highest point. The bridge will include four spans and three single-column piers.

The Project will temporarily impact 0.47 acres and permanently impact 0.365 acres of streambed, bank, and channel. To compensate for the temporary impacts of 0.47-acres of stream bed, bank, and channel, the Project Applicant shall restore no less than 0.47 acres of in-kind streambed and associated habitat. To compensate for permanent impacts of 0.365-acres of stream bed, bank, and channel, the Project Applicant shall purchase 1.047 acres of streambed and stream-associated habitat for Rehabilitation and/or Re-establishment within Riverside County. To compensate for the remaining permanent impacts of 0.016-acres of stream bed, bank, and channel, the Project Applicant shall purchase no less 0.048 acres of Rehabilitation and/or Re-establishment stream habitat 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 July 15, 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.

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- 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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Eric Chan 7/16/2024
Signature: _____ Date: _____
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For
Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____