

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Doran Street and Broadway/Brazil Grade Separation (Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, No. EPIMS-LAN-45612-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Project is located where Verdugo Wash meets the Los Angeles River in the City of Glendale, Los Angeles County, California (Figure 1). The Project site lies at Latitude 34.154252° and Longitude -118.278323° and Assessor’s Parcel Number 5593-004-908.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS- LAN-45612-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LSCMTA).

The Project is limited to construction of an overpass over the Verdugo Wash to eliminate two existing at-grade rail crossings on the Southern Pacific Railroad at Doran Street and at Broadway/Brazil Street. The bridge extension requires construction of eleven, 72-inch-diameter columns within the Verdugo Wash, via the cast-in-drilled-hole (CIDH) method. The proposed Project will have approximately 0.46 acres of permanent impacts including 0.32 acres of open water habitat and 0.14 acres of cattail marsh. A cofferdam will be used to divert the water in Verdugo Wash to create a dry work area.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

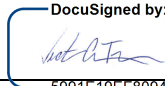
Person or Public Agency Carrying Out Project: Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LSCMTA)

Exempt Status:

- Statutory Exemption. [PRC §21080.13/CEQA Guidelines §15282(g)]
- Categorical Exemption. Type – [Class (1-33)]; California Code of Regulations, title 14, section ([15301-15333])

Reasons why project is exempt: The Project would eliminate two at-grade rail crossings and would maintain pedestrian and vehicle access by constructing pedestrian access bridges and a vehicular overpass, it is exempt pursuant to PRC §21080.13.

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