

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017061021

Project Title: Mill Creek Diversion Debris Management Improvement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-38698-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Mill Creek Diversion Debris Management Improvement Project (Project) is located within Mill Creek, a tributary to Santa Ana River, in the City of Redlands, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.07549, Longitude -117.090628.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-38698-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, the San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District (Permittee) as represented by Betsy Miller.

The Project is limited to the reconstruction of an existing diversion structure that consists of four slide gates, a concrete inlet channel, concreted rock outlet channel, and mounded earth/rock containment berms. Proposed improvements include creating a sediment bypass channel with a slide gate immediately upstream of the existing gate structure, which would be used to control outflow from this channel.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 4, 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 **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 not** 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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