

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2014111029

**Project Title:** Altair Residential Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-34970-R6)

**Project Location (Riverside County):** The Altair Residential Project (Project) is located west of Interstate 15, south of Rancho California Road, and immediately north of the Santa Margarita River in the City of Temecula, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.494522 and Longitude -117.160100. The Project is in unsectioned lands of Township 68 South Range 3 West and shown on the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute Temecula and Murrieta quadrangle maps: Assessor's Parcel Number 940-310-015, 940-310-016, 940-310-046, 940-310-013, 940-320-002, 940-320-001, 940-320-003, 940-320-004, 940-320-005, 940-320-006, 940-320-007, 922-210-049, 940-320-007.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number EPIMS-RIV-34970-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Brookfield Properties as represented by Colin Koch.

The Project is limited to the fill of several unnamed tributaries to Murrieta Creek and the realignment of the Western Bypass farther to the east within the Project boundary. The section of the Western Bypass alignment from the northern property boundary at Via Industria would be eliminated from the City's circulation element. A portion of the south parcel may be used for placement of excess fill from the Project and be restored to native sage scrub following placement of fill.

This project is limited to the activities described in the Project description and does not include any future work impacting Fish and Game code section 1602 resources.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 23, 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 environmental impact report 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.

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6. Findings **were** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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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*Kim Freeburn*  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_