

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

Office of Planning and Research
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From:

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
 Inland Deserts Region
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 Ontario, CA 91764
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Lead Agency (if different than CDFW)
 City of Hesperia
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 Hesperia, CA 92345
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012061058

Project Title: Ranchoero Road Widening Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-041-06 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Ranchoero Road Corridor Widening Project (Project) is located along Ranchoero Road from Coriander Drive to Seventh Ave in the City of Hesperia, County of San Bernardino. The Project extends along Ranchoero Road from approximately 2,200 feet east of Mariposa Road on the west to the Seventh Avenue on the east. The Ranchoero Road Project Area is located at the southern side of Hesperia and adjacent to unincorporated San Bernardino County land.

Project Description: This proposed project involves the widening Ranchoero Road from its current two-lane and four-lane configuration to a five-lane facility within the City of Hesperia and its Sphere of Influence.

The Project will result in impacts to 0.65 acres of western Joshua tree (*Yucca brevifolia*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of western Joshua tree, which is designated as a candidate threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on January 31st, 2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / 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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature

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Heidi Calvert

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Date: 1/31/2023

Heidi Calvert, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____