

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2001121133

**Project Title:** US Gypsum Pipelines (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0168-R6)

**Project Location (County of Imperial):** The Project site is located at two locations (Canal Water Line and Plaster City Plant Replacement Water Pipeline) in unincorporated western Imperial County. The 4.8-mile-long Canal Water Line crosses unnamed tributaries to Coyote Wash, a tributary to the Salton Sea. The Canal Water Line is located between United States Gypsum Company's (USG) Plaster City Plant and the Imperial Irrigation District (IID) Westside Main Canal. The westernmost 3.0 miles of the Canal Water Line alignment is located parallel to, and approximately 75 feet north of, the centerline of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks. At Dunaway Road, the alignment runs north along the east side of the road a short distance before turning east and continuing along the south side of West Evan Hewes Highway (Imperial County Route S80) to the Westside Main Canal, in the County of Imperial, State of California. Latitude 32.79024°N, Longitude 115.80042°W.

The 8.77-mile-long Plaster City Plant Replacement Water Pipeline crosses unnamed tributaries to Coyote Wash, a tributary to the Salton Sea. The alignment of the Plaster City Plant Replacement Water Pipeline is located between the West Evan Hewes Highway to the north and the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to the south and from the United States Gypsum Company's well field south of the Interstate Highway 8 in the City of Ocotillo to the Plaster City Plant in the unincorporated community of Plaster City in the County of Imperial, State of California; Latitude 32.76804°N, Longitude 115.91924°W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2019-0168-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, United States Gypsum Company.

The Project includes impacts to streams associated with the construction of two underground water pipelines associated with the U.S. Gypsum Company's Plaster City Plant.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 29, 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 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.

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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 made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final Environmental Impact Report 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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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_