Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018071024

Project Title: Upper Santa Ana River Tributaries Restoration Anza Creek Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0034-R6).

Project Location: The Project is located within Anza Creek and Santa Ana River, about 2 miles downstream of Mount Rubidoux, in the Cities of Riverside and Jurupa Valley, County of Riverside, State of California; APNs: 186270006 (County of Riverside), 186270013 (County of Riverside), 187210004 (County of Riverside) 187210007 (City of Riverside), 187210008 (City of Riverside) 187220028 (City of Riverside), 187210002 (Union Pacific Railroad); latitude 33.965789° N, longitude -117.415676° W (eastern end) and latitude: 33.969296° longitude: -117.436961° (western end).

Project Description: The Project encompasses a total area of 17.7 acres and includes stream creation, stream enhancement, floodplain creation, nonnative plant species removal, planting of native riparian plant species, and installation of rock boulders in existing eroded areas. The Project will create and enhance a total of 1.1 acre of stream channel and create approximately 2.1 acre of stream floodplain. Nonnative riparian plant species will be removed/treated and native riparian plant species will be installed within an approximate 10.4-acre area that surrounds the stream channel and floodplain creation/enhancement areas. The Project is anticipated to temporarily impact 5.3 acres of Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on July 12, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. 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 / ☐ 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Scott Wilson
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Signature _____ *Date:* 7/12/2021

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____