

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015101058

**Project Title:** Sterling Natural Resource Center (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-42496-R6)

**Project Location (San Bernardino County):** The Sterling Natural Resources Center project is located within the Santa Ana River, at the San Bernardino City Municipal Water Department's Rapid Infiltration and Extraction Facility (RIX), in the City of Colton, County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.041337, Longitude - 117.354514; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 0260-081-22.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-42496-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, East Valley Water District.

The Project is limited to the reduction of 6 million gallons of tertiary-treated discharge from the RIX facility to the Santa Ana River per day and habitat creation, restoration, and/or enhancement activities related to compensatory mitigation requirements of project.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on January 10, 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.
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** 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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