

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2015031022

**Project Title:** Upper Santa Ana River Wash Routine Maintenance Agreement (Streambed Alteration Agreement Number (No.) 1600-2021-0005-R6)

**Project Location (San Bernardino County):** The project is located within the Upper Santa Ana River Wash in the City of Highland within the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.100347 N, Longitude - 117.117872 W.

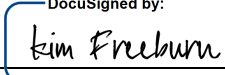
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) No. 1600-2021-0005-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District as represented by Betsy Miller.

The project is limited to routine maintenance of fourteen existing groundwater recharge basins and a portion of a canal (3.1 miles/11.27 acres) within the Upper Santa Ana River Wash. The routine maintenance activities include excavation/land clearing, vegetation management, and in-kind repair of existing signage, gates, fence, access roads and ramps.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on October 15, 2022 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 (EIR) 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 (MMRP) **was** adopted by CDFW for this project. The conditions of approval as set forth in the LSAA shall serve, for purposes of CEQA, as the MMRP per CEQA Guidelines § 15097.
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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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