

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: San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District Upper Santa Ana River Wash Habitat Conservation Plan Construction Permitting (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-23918-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The San Bernardino Valley Wash Plan Construction Project (Project) is located at the Upper Santa Ana River Wash, a confluence of several major and minor drainages tributary to the Santa Ana River, and extends approximately six miles westward from Greenspot Road to Alabama Street, in the City of Highland and City of Redlands, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.08966, Longitude -117.13955.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-23918-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, San Bernardino Valley Water Conservation District.

The project is limited to eight activities: 1) D-Dike habitat enhancement: a 40-foot wide ramp will be constructed on either side of the d-dike, with four corrugated pipe culverts constructed and buried within the fill area on the east side; 2) Sand-spreading that will mimic natural flooding in eight strategic areas; 3) Expanding mining operations by Cemex Inc.; 4) Expanding mining operations by Robertson's Ready Mix; 5) Ongoing mining from Cemex Inc.; 6) Ongoing mining from Robertson's ready mix; 7) Maintenance of Pipe 125 including leak repair, inspection, replacement of pipeline components, bank stabilization, and possible excavation and erosion control; 8) Orange Street Bridge Replacement: Current bridge will be replaced with a 200-foot long by 83-foot wide bridge span. The channel underneath the bridge will be increased in size to a maximum 192-foot-wide rectangular channel and the roadway will be raised 3 feet over the height of the existing bridge.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 13, 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 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** 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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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____