

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2008041038

**Project Title:** Barren Ridge Road Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0324-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at San Francisquito Creek, and two locations along the Bee Canyon Wash. The project is located approximately 7 miles north of the City of Santa Clarita and 4 miles southwest of the community of Green Valley in northern Los Angeles County.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0324-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The project is limited to three components: the placement of temporary rock at one existing at-grade crossing on San Francisquito Creek and one existing at-grade crossing at Bee Canyon Wash; constructing a bridge over the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) adjacent to the Bee Canyon Wash; and temporary disturbance to an un-named tributary to Bee Canyon Wash during the construction of the bridge over the LAA. The project activities described above are part of the Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BRRTP).

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ 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 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

*Signature*  
Erinn Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE  
AGREEMENT REGARDING PROPOSED LAKE OR STREAMBED ALTERATION  
NO. 1600-2018-0324-R5

CEQA FINDINGS

*INTRODUCTION:*

The California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"; Public Resources Code §21000, *et seq.*), and the State CEQA Guidelines ("Guidelines"; 14 California Code of Regulation §15000, *et seq.*) require that prior to reaching a decision on a project, a Responsible Agency must consider the environmental effects of the project as shown in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared by the Lead Agency.

As the Lead Agency, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power adopted the Final EIR for the Barren Ridge Road Restoration Project (SCH No. 2008041038) and caused a Notice of Determination (NOD) to be filed on September 20, 2012.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is issuing an "Agreement" under the Lake and Streambed Alteration program pursuant to Fish and Game Code §1600 *et seq.* to the project applicant, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (No. 1600-2018-0324-R5). The project is limited to three components: the placement of temporary rock at one existing at-grade crossing on San Francisquito Creek and one existing at-grade crossing at Bee Canyon Wash; constructing a bridge over the Los Angeles Aqueduct (LAA) adjacent to the Bee Canyon Wash; and temporary disturbance to an un-named tributary to Bee Canyon Wash during the construction of the bridge over the LAA. The project activities described above are part of the Barren Ridge Renewable Transmission Project (BR RTP).

The CDFW is a Responsible Agency under CEQA for the purpose of approving the Agreement necessitated by the Lead Agency's project. As a Responsible Agency, CDFW is required by CEQA Guidelines §15096 to review the environmental document certified by the Lead Agency approving the project and to make certain findings concerning the project's potential to cause significant, adverse environmental effects. However, when considering alternatives and mitigation measures approved by the Lead Agency, a Responsible Agency is more limited in CEQA review to its direct permitting authority than is the Lead Agency. CDFW has responsibility for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect environmental effects of the Agreement that it approves.

*FINDING:* CDFW has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted by the Lead Agency. CDFW has independently concluded that the Agreement should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein. CDFW finds that with the mitigation measures incorporated into the Agreement, there will be no significant effects from the project.

*FINDING:* CDFW has considered the EIR adopted by the Lead Agency. CDFW has independently concluded that the Agreement should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein. CDFW finds that changes have been incorporated into the project that will avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effect as identified in the final EIR. In particular, CDFW finds that the measures incorporated into the Agreement will ensure there will be no significant effects from project.

*The Project is Approved.*

DATE: 3.16.19

  
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