Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research <u>CEQA Submit</u> For U.S.Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Streeet Address: 1400 Tenth Street Sacramento, CA 95614 **From:** Department of Fish and Wildlife South Coast Region

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State Clearinghouse Number: 2009051018

Project Title: Highway 101 Carpinteria to Santa Barbara (Segment 4D- Montecito), (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-070-05 (ITP))

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located on State Route 101 where it crosses Romero, San Ysidro, and Oak Creeks; Coordinates 34.421189, -119.62007; 34.420937, -119.623801; and 34.421021, -119.625559.

Project Description: The proposed project replaces the bridges on Romero, San Ysidro, and Oak Creeks on State Route 101. The bridges will be widened to accommodate a high occupancy vehicle lane in both directions and the bridge span will be widened to restore the stream channel capacity. Temporary inlet and outlet walls will be installed until constraints posed by other entities are addressed.

The Project will result in impacts to 0.26 acre of Southern California Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) habitat; the Project will permanently remove 0 acre of Southern California Steelhead habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of Southern California Steelhead, which is/are designated as a candidate species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on March 29, 2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 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. [X An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
- 3. Additional mitigation measures [🛛 were / 🗌 were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
- 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.

 \boxtimes A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.

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Signature:

Responsible Agency statement: The EIR prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

DocuSigned by: Richard Burg -6D63DA991A5245F.

4/3/2023

Date:

Richard G. Burg, Acting Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____