

# Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number: 2010061062**

**Project Title:** Bruchard Road Dust Suppression Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0277-R6)

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located on the southern shore of the Salton Sea, about 10 miles west of the City of Calipatria, in the County of Imperial, State of California; Latitude 33.12226° N, Longitude 115.69683° W. Sections 14 and 15, Township 12 South, Range 12 East, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) maps Obsidian Butte and Westmorland West, San Bernardino Meridian.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0277-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the California Department of Water Resources.

The Project is limited to the clearing the project site of debris, surface roughening, access road construction, and maintenance activities. Surface roughening of dry portions of the approximately 160-acre parcel is proposed for dust suppression purposes as part of Phase I of the Salton Sea Management Program. Surface roughening includes installation of oriented roughness (furrows) with a bull plow (ditch plow) with inter-row random roughness installed with a switch plow. Switch plow passes are aligned parallel to the oriented roughness. Inter-row spacing of oriented roughness may vary to optimize effective dust suppression. An approximately 0.5-mile long, 13.1-foot wide road will be constructed for access with a surface of chipped organic matter. Maintenance includes road repairs and repeating surface roughening as needed for the duration of this Agreement term.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on December 24, 2019 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* Scott Wilson

*Date:* 12/26/2019

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