

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014031055

Project Title: Ramon Road Widening Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0010-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at the Ramon Road Bridge over the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel, a tributary to the Salton Sea, along Ramon Road from immediately east of Landau Boulevard within the City of Cathedral City westward to San Luis Rey within the City of Palm Springs in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.80033⁰ N, Longitude 116.47883⁰ W. Sections 16, 17, 20, and 21, Township 4 South, Range 5 East, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Cathedral City, San Bernardino Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0010-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the City of Palm Springs.

The project is limited to widening the Ramon Road Bridge over the Whitewater River Stormwater Channel (Bridge Number 56C0287), performing a seismic retrofit of the bridge, and associated infrastructure development. Project activities include: extension of the existing bridge pylons upstream and downstream to support the widened bridge deck, construction of scour countermeasures, and extension of the existing side slope revetment in the vicinity of the bridge. Scour countermeasures include the construction of concrete aprons under, upstream, and downstream of the bridge. Project activities will also include the construction of temporary dirt access ramps in the channel which will be removed upon project completion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on April 1, 2020 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 mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration 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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration 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.

for Signature Scott Wilson Date: 4/1/20
Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____