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

## State Clearinghouse Number: 2016061064

**Project Title:** Inland Empire Utility Agency's Recycled Water Plant No. 5/ SCE Pull Box (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-23638-R6)

**Project Location (San Bernardino):** The project is located within Chino Creek, at 15975 El Prado Road, in the City of Ontario, County of San Bernardino; Latitude 33.96355N, Longitude -117.67572W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-23638-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Inland Empire Utilities Agency.

The Streambed Alteration Agreement involves the removal of a Southern California Edison pull box from a riparianforested area and trimming of riparian trees adjacent to the area. Project activities will impact 0.05 acres of Fish and Game Code section 1602 resources.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 22, 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 not 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.

Signature:

Heather Pert

Date: 7/22/2022

Heather Pert Acting Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: