

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017011042

Project Title: Interstate 10/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0162-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at unnamed drainages tributary to Wasteway No. 2 tributary to the Whitewater River (Coachella Valley Stormwater Channel), along Interstate Highway 10 (I-10) about 3.4 miles east of the Dillon Road exit, within the City of Coachella in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.7005° N, Longitude 116.1148° W. Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36, Township 5 South, Range 8 East, United States Geological Survey (USGS) map Thermal Canyon, San Bernardino Meridian.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0162-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the City of Coachella.

The project is limited to the construction of a new spread diamond-type interchange to connect to the planned future extension of Avenue 50 in the City of Coachella. The new interchange includes a westbound loop and direct on-ramps, eastbound direct on-ramp, and direct off-ramps for both westbound and eastbound lanes. The proposed design will include a left-turn lane onto the future southbound Avenue 50. The bridge length will be 125 feet.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on March 24, 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.

Signature

Date: 3/24/2020

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____