

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018011029

**Project Title:** Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade/Expansion and Brine Pipeline (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0204-R6)

**Project Location:** The project is located at the Santa Ana River at the E Street Bridge in the City of San Bernardino, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.06938° N, Longitude 117.128872° W. Six other drainages subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 along the alignment will be drilled under through the use of Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) and/or jack/bore methodology but no surface impacts will occur within these areas. The alignment is located within Sections 6, 8, and 9, Township 3 South, Range 1 West, United States Geological Survey (USGS) maps Beaumont and El Casco, San Bernardino Meridian.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0204-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Riverside County Transportation Department.

The project is limited to the construction of a 12-inch diameter gravity pipeline from the Beaumont Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) to the nearest connection point of the existing Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL) on the bank of the Santa Ana River in San Bernardino, CA. A total of 7 drainage crossings are required for project installation. The majority of the crossings will be conducted using a HDD or a jack/bore method with no direct or indirect impacts to those drainages. The only in-stream impact will occur at the Santa Ana River crossing where a man-lift rubber-tired vehicle will be required to install the brine pipeline within an existing utility opening within the South E Street Bridge.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on June 28, 2019 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 Scott Wilson Date: 6/28/2019

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