

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018021049

Project Title: Big Bear Lake Long-Term Maintenance Activities and Facility Upgrades (Grout Creek Sediment Basin Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0205-R6)

Project Location: The project is located at Grout Creek, a tributary to Big Bear Lake and ultimately the Santa Ana River. It is bordered by State Highway 38 to the west and Seminole Drive to the east in the town of Fawnskin, County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.267273°, Longitude -116.947483°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0205-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Big Bear Municipal Water District. The Grout Creek Sediment Basin Project includes the construction of a 45-foot by 350-foot, in-line earthen sediment basin with a depth of six feet and a capacity of approximately 3,500 cubic yards. The sediment basin will collect mainly decomposed granite from the Grout Creek watershed and prevent it from being introduced into Grout Bay. The sediment basin will have slopes no greater than 3:1.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on February 21, 2020 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 mitigated negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations sections 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 mitigated negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public on the Lead Agency's website. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature Scott Wilson

Date: 2/21/2020

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manager, Inland Deserts Region

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____