

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019011030

Project Title: Riverside 95 Construct Concrete/Rock Slope Protection (RSP) and Replace Culverts (1G000) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0003-R6)

Project Location (include county): The Riverside 95 Construct Concrete/RSP and Replace Culverts Project, post mile (PM) 14.0 – 36.2 (termed herein as 'Project') is located on U.S. Route 95 (US-95) in Riverside County, approximately 12 miles north/northeast of Blythe, Riverside County and approximately 3.5 miles southeast of Vidal, San Bernardino County; Lat/Long (NAD83): 33.93686° -114.54016°.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0003-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project applicant, California Department of Transportation District 8.

Permittee proposes to restore storm-eroded embankments with rock slope protection (RSP) and replace culverts at 20 locations on US-95. The purpose of this permanent restoration project is to place RSP at eight (8) desert wash locations and replace twelve (12) culverts. The project need is to restore these facilities to their original condition prior to damage caused by flash flood events.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on April 29, 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 Scott Wilson Date: 4/29/2020

Scott Wilson, Environmental Program Manger

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____