

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020100364

Project Title: Curve Widening in Wheeler Gorge on State Route 33, PM 18.88 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-VEN-23453-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located on State Route 33 at post-mile 18.88 to 19.04; Latitude 34.508992, Longitude -119.274588.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-VEN-23453-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans). The project is limited to widening state route 33 by 4.9 feet and recontouring the roadside, spring-fed channel to improve traffic safety. The road will be constructed to cantilever over the creek by approximately three feet due to limited space due to the terrain. Caltrans will compensate for permanent impacts by enhancing 0.02 acres of off-site riparian corridor within the Ventura River Corridor. This work will be conducted by Ojai Valley Land Conservancy.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 10, 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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** 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  Date: 6/17/2022
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