## **Notice of Determination**

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## From:

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## **Lead Agency**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021030570

**Project Title:** Wildomar Master Drainage Plan Lateral C, Stage 3 Revision Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. (EPIMS-RIV-27249-R6)

**Project Location (County of Riverside):** The Wildomar Master Drainage Plan Lateral C, Stage 3 Revision Project (Project) is located east of Interstate 15 (I-15) on the southeast corner of Bundy Canyon Road and Monte Vista Drive, in the City of Wildomar, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.624434, Longitude -117.265513; Assessor's Parcel Number 367-110-007, 367-110-008, 367-433-015, 367-472-001, 367-472-002, and 367-472-020.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-27249-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Kevin Cunningham of Riverside County Flood Control and Water Conservation District.

The Project is limited to the construction and maintenance of Bundy Canyon Basin (Flood Control Basin) and the extension of Lateral A (Main Inlet Channel). Ephemeral Drainage-01 (ED-01), which includes both constructed/concrete-lined and unvegetated-earthen channel elements, would inlet at the proposed Bundy Canyon Basin. Both the concrete lined, and earthen-bottom stream channels convey dry and wet weather flows downstream to Bundy Canyon Wash. The concrete-lined open channel section of the drainage ED-01 along Monte Vista Drive will be converted to a 14-ft wide by 8-ft reinforced concrete box (RCB). The RCB will outlet to the same area as the existing concrete channel which will be replaced in-kind. Additionally, the Project will impact a portion of the existing un-grouted riprap and earthen bottom portion of the Wildomar Master Drainage Plan Lateral A. The Project modifications to the existing Lateral A will include the installation of a USBR Type III Stilling Basin and an open channel transition structure which will result in 0.04 acres of stream impacts. The Project would also fill and divert water from 0.41-acres of an earthen-bottom drainage with mulefat thickets along the southern portion of the proposed Bundy Canyon Basin and permanently divert flow and sediment from a 0.13-acre section of the stream supporting Riversidean Alluvial Fan Sage Scrub habitat along the southwestern portion of the basin.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 15, 2023, 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).

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- 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 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.

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Date Received for filing at OPR:			