Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2000061092

Project Title: OUTFALL REPLACEMENT FOR NEW STORM DRAIN CONNECTION CITY CREEK AT 5TH STREET BRIDGE (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-65864 -R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The project is located at City Creek, a tributary to the Santa Ana River, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.10757, Longitude -117.20189; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 1201-321-36-0000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-65864 -R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, the City of Highland.

The Project is limited to replacing the existing outfall on the east bank of the City Creek Channel, on the south side of the 5th Street Bridge to accommodate additional storm flows from the City's regional 72-inch storm drain that will be constructed from the south side of 5th Street to the new outfall. The Project will either remove or abandon in place the existing 24-inch pipeline and outfall that currently conveys the existing storm flows, that do not originate from the 72-inch regional pipeline, into City Creek, and remove and replace the existing riprap. The entire project extends for approximately 144 feet from the edge of 5th Street to the outfall location within the rip rap slope of City Creek.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 9/1/2026, and has made the following determinations

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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 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 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: DocuSigned by: Kim Freeburn 84F92FFEEFD24C8... *Date:* 9/1/2026

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: