Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1989010410

Project Title: SR-241/SR-91 Express Lanes Connector Project EA: 0K970 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-41486-R5)

Project Location (Orange County): The project site occurs at the junction of State Route 241 (SR-241) and State Route-91 (SR-91) in the cities of Anaheim and Yorba Linda in Orange County and the City of Corona in Riverside County; Coordinates 33.788071, -117.742458.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-ORA-41486-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation. The Project is limited to impacting 6 unnamed ephemeral streams. The Project activities include recontouring, realigning, and reconfiguring earthen channels into concrete-lined v-ditches, along with installing bioswales, underground storm drainpipes, outlet pipes, and guardrails.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 14, 2024 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 environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
- 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.
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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: Heather 1. Pert	8/2/2024 Date <u>:</u>
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Date Received for filing at OPR:	

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