

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2001071035

Project Title: Kern River Gas Transmission Company Routine Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBR-55497-R6)

Project Location (San Bernardino County): The Kern River Gas Transmission Company Routine Maintenance Project (Project) is located within the Mojave Desert, San Bernardino County, State of California. The Kern River Gas Transmission pipeline system begins at the California/Nevada state line near Primm, Nevada, and terminates at Daggett, California. The Kern River Gas Transmission pipeline system also includes the High Desert Lateral located in Kramer Junction and the Mountain Pass Lateral located in Mountain Pass.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBR-55497-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Kern River Gas Transmission Company.

The Project involves the routine maintenance and operation of the Kern River pipeline system in California, which totals approximately 1,187 acres, consisting of three (3) segments of pipeline right of way and meter stations.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 23, 2025 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).
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** 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:  _____ Date: 7/23/2025

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