

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017101011

Project Title: Cottonwood Basin Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-61274-R6)

Project Location (Riverside): The Cottonwood Basin Project (Project) is located at an unnamed tributary leading to Lake Perris, in the County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.925178, Longitude -117.186878; and bounded by Cottonwood Ave in the south, Nason St. in the west, and Dracaea Ave. in the north. The Project is located about 1 mile south State Route 60, 4 miles north of Lake Perris, and approximately 5.8 miles east of Interstate 215, within Assessor's Parcel Number 488-180-025.

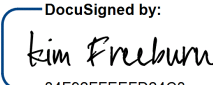
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-61274-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the Project Applicant, City of Moreno Valley.

The Project is limited to the maintenance of Cottonwood Basin, a detention basin for flood control purposes. Maintenance activities will be conducted annually, or more frequently, depending on the basin conditions, and include removal of all debris and sediments to restore the original basin floor elevation. This excavated material will be transferred into a dump truck and hauled to an approved offsite location.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 1, 2026, 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 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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Signature: _____ **Date:** 4/1/2026

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____