

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: 2005091006

Project Title: Winchester Ranch CFD Line A Channel Outfall Structure Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-62220-R6)

Project Location (Riverside County): The Winchester Ranch CFD Line A Channel Outfall Structure Project (Project) is located approximately 1.40-miles southwest of Winchester, within unincorporated Riverside County, which is between the cities of Menifee and Hemet, California. It is located within the San Jacinto Watershed and abuts the Salt Creek Flood Control Channel to the south, Olive Avenue to the north, and Leon Road to the west; United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5' Series Winchester Quadrangle, Riverside County, Township 5 South, Range 2 West, Section 31. The Project is located within Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APN] 461-280-016, -026, -027, 462-050-015, and Right-of-Ways.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed and issued Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-62220-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Mark Hayden.

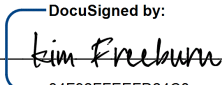
The Project is limited to the construction of the Line A storm drain and a storm drain outlet structure as part of the SP 293 Winchester Hills development. The channel will extend 0.5 miles with a storm drain outfall structure that will be constructed on the north bank of Salt Creek. Approximately 5,508 cubic yards (CY) of soil will be excavated; 838 CY will occur in the temporary impact area, and 4,670 CY will occur in the permanent impact area. Permanent impacts will total 0.71-acre and temporary construction impacts total 0.52-acre and consist of the 30-foot-wide buffer around the permanent impact area. Fill will only be placed in the permanent impact area and consist of 2,321 CY of Class V riprap, 561 CY of concrete for the headwall, wingwall, parapet wall, and cutoff wall, and 318 linear feet of cable railing. Construction equipment to be used during Project activities include but are not limited to: Excavator, Backhoe, Box Grader, D6 Bulldozer, and hand tools. No water will not be diverted or extracted during Project activities.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/27/2026, 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.

Signature:  _____ Date: 7/27/2026
Kim Freeburn
Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: