

## **Notice of Determination**

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**Subject:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018121012

**Project Title:** State Route 86/Avenue 50 New Interchange Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-42327-R6)

**Project Location (Riverside County):** The Project is located in the City of Coachella, in the County of Riverside, within Accessor's Parcel Number 763-131-061.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-RIV-42327-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 to City of Coachella.

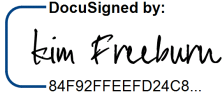
The Project is limited to impacts to streambed associated with the construction of a new overcrossing bridge over the Whitewater River in conjunction with the construction of a new interchange at State Route 86 and Avenue 50. The Project also includes the installation of new concrete slope lining on the north and south sides of the Whitewater River.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on May 29, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the Project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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** 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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Date: 5/29/2026

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