

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021060363

Project Title: I-405 South Multi Asset Project (0Q9704) (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-51058-R5).

Project Location (Orange County): Located in the cities of Costa Mesa and Irvine in Orange County, California. The project bisects the San Joaquin Channel, a tributary of San Diego Creek, and the Santa Ana Delhi Channel, a tributary of the Upper Newport Bay. Latitude: 33.664528, Longitude: -117.800008.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-ORA-51058-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Ali Zahraei/California Department of Transportation.

This amendment is to update the Applicant's clerical error from 0.7 acre to 0.07 acre of upland vegetation of required compensatory mitigation (Compensatory Measure 3.2). The Project is limited to widening bridge decks, extending culvert outlets, installing temporary stream diversions for the culvert work, and improving Interstate 405 between Interstate 5 and Harbor Boulevard.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 9/25/2025 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 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 not 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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