

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022050438

**Project Title:** Hwy 154 Drainage Improvements Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-56533-R5)

**Project Location (Santa Barbara):** The Hwy 154 Drainage Improvements Project is located in Santa Barbara County, CA along State Route 154 between PM 0.1 and PM 30.14. The eight project locations included in Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SBA-56533-R5 occur between Post Mile (PM) 6.87 and PM 27.67

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-56533-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation, District 5.

The California Department of Transportation is remediating 15 stream systems along the length of SR-154. Work covered under the Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SBA-56533-R5 includes work within the bed, bank, and channel at stream locations within the project area. Work includes culvert repairs; replacement, and realignment; installing rock slope protection; repairing/replacing/installing headwalls, wingwalls, and flared end sections; remediating culverts using either cast in place pipe or steel/concrete liners; and adding safety railings to headwalls.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 26, 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 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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