

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2022120710

**Project Title:** EA 1K400 Riv-15 Auxiliary Lanes Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-46909-R6)

**Project Location (County of Riverside):** The project is comprised of 14 project locations at Empire Creek, Waddle Wash, and unnamed tributaries to Murrieta Creek, within the City of Temecula along Interstate 15 from Post Mile (PM) 5.3 to PM 6.1, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-46909-R6 Amendment No. 1, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, the California Department of Transportation, District 8.

The approved amendment modifies the agreement to allow for an extended time to restore the temporary impacted habitat, and if restoration efforts fail after 5 years, Caltrans shall consider the impacts to be permanent and mitigate at a 3;1 ratio, through the purchase of bank credits or other mitigation option, as approved by CDFW.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 13, 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 not** 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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