

## Notice of Determination

**To:**

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2023030456

**Project Title:** Airport Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-58459-R6)

**Project Location (Riverside County):** The Airport Boulevard Bridge Replacement Project (Project) is located in the community of Thermal, in the County of Riverside, California, where Airport Boulevard crosses over the Whitewater River and between Grapefruit Boulevard and Highway 86. Property Accessor's Parcel Number: 763-330-006.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-58459-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Riverside County Transportation Department.

The Project is limited to impacts to streams associated with the replacement of the existing Airport Boulevard Bridge over the Whitewater River with a new concrete structure.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 23, 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 **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 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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Signature: Kim Freeburn Date: 2/23/2026

Kim Freeburn, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: