

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2023110315

**Project Title:** North Lone Pine Pavement 09-38380 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-INY-60408-R6)

**Project Location (Inyo County):** The project is located along U.S. Highway 395 at two unnamed tributaries to Owens River in the county of Inyo, State of California. Location 1 is located at Post Mile (PM) 58.08, Latitude 36.60894, Longitude -118.06505. Location 2 is located at PM 58.48, Latitude 36.61562, Longitude -118.06678.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-INY-60408-R6, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, California Dept of Transportation, District 9.

The Project is limited to the modification of drainage systems at two locations, called Locations 1 and 2. Activities for Location 1 are limited to the removal of a Siberian elm tree (*Ulmus pumila*), the installation of a temporary water diversion hose, gravel bag diversion berm, and pump system with fish screen, the installation of a 24-inch diameter culvert to bypass an existing culvert system and connect to a recently-installed culvert system, and the removal of the temporary diversion system after completion of construction activities. Activities for Location 2 are limited to the removal of four Siberian elm trees near the existing culvert outlet headwall, the removal of an existing 24-inch diameter culvert, flared end section at the culvert inlet, and headwall at the culvert outlet, and the installation of a slightly shorter 24-inch culvert with flared end sections at the inlet and the outlet. The length of the replacement culvert is shorter so that the new flared end section at the outlet will be within the footprint of the culvert and headwall that were removed at the outlet.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 24, 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.

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- 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 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 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 Received for filing at LCI: