

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2024090237

Project Title: Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-54902-R6)

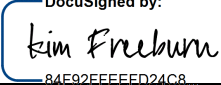
Project Location (Riverside): The Sun Lakes Boulevard Extension Project (Project) crosses Highland Wash, Smith Creek, and Pershing Creek, in the City of Banning, County of Riverside, State of California; Latitude 33.91844, Longitude -116.92514. The Project is located within Assessor's Parcel Number 537-110-013.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed and issued Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-54902-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of Banning. The Project is limited to the construction of an arterial highway parallel to existing Westward Avenue, an east-west unpaved dirt road between Highland Home Road and Sunset Avenue. The Project will also adjust and relocate various utilities to grade. The Project area crosses over three creeks, Highland Wash, Smith Creek, and Pershing Creek, where three culverts (i.e., Proposed Lines J, I, and K) will be constructed under the proposed Sun Lakes Boulevard roadway extension.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 6, 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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Signature: _____ Date: 8/6/2025
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