

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2007051028

**Project Title:** I-5 HOV/Truck Lanes Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration, Notification No. 1600-2019-0008-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** The project is located at 21 tributaries to the Santa Clara River, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The project area consists of approximately 14.6 linear miles (Post Mile R45.0 and R59.6) along the I-5 corridor, extending from approximately the State Route (SR)-14 interchange (southern limit) to the Lake Hughes Road interchange (northern limit).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0008-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation, District 7, as represented by Paul Caron.

The project is limited to the addition of one HOV (High Occupancy Vehicle) lane along I-5 in each direction from the I-5/SR-14 Interchange to approximately 0.5 mile south of the Parker Road/I-5 Interchange. Additionally, the project will add and/or extend auxiliary lanes in the I-5 northbound and southbound direction.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 15, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project **will** 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 environmental impact report 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** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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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