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## Notification of Lake or Streambed Alteration, EPIMS Notification No. RIV-27016 R6, Holland Road/Interstate 215 Overcrossing Project. Riverside, APN 360-130-003.

Dear Mr. Geronimo:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) had until May 5, 2022 to submit a draft Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) to you or inform you that an Agreement is not required. CDFW did not meet that date. As a result, by law, you may now proceed with the project described in your notification without an Agreement.

Please note that pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, subdivision (a)(4)(D), if you proceed with this project, it must be the same as described and conducted in the same manner as specified in the notification and any modifications to that notification received by CDFW prior to May 5, 2022. This includes completing the project within the proposed term and seasonal work period and implementing all avoidance and mitigation measures to protect fish and wildlife resources specified in the notification. If the term proposed in your notification has expired, you will need to re-notify CDFW before you may begin your project. Beginning or completing a project that differs in any way from the one described in the notification may constitute a violation of Fish and Game Code section 1602.

Your project is located within Paloma Wash Flood Control Channel, tributary to Salt Creek, along Holland Road between Hanover Lane and Haun Road, in the City of Menifee, Riverside County, California; latitude 33.670703<sup>0</sup> N, longitude 117.170952<sup>0</sup> W. Your project proposes to construct a four-lane bridge to cross over the I-215 to connect Holland Road from the east and west sides of the I-215. Your project will also modify the surrounding roads in the following ways: Realigning Willowood Way, re-striping Hanover Lane and Albion Lane, and constructing an access road on the west side of I-215 and relocating associated utility infrastructure. A temporary construction laydown area will also be constructed on the north and south sides of the intersection of Holland Road and Haun Road. Additional project components include realigning the existing channel into a 4ft deep trapezoidal channel and discharging fill material into streambed and associated habitat as a result of the four-lane bridge crossing construction. The project will result in permanent impacts to 0.775 acres of streambed and associated riparian habitat. You have proposed the following avoidance and minimization measures: implementing sediment, waste management and material pollution, water pollution, and treatment control BMPs; demarcating construction area limits; and preparing a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan that specifies BMPs that will be used to minimize spills and prevent contaminated material from entering drainage waterways. To minimize stream impacts from potential streamflow

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## diversions, sandbags would be placed, and silt fencing would be installed downstream to minimize transporting sediment offsite.

Your notification includes, but is not limited to, the following information:

- Impacts:
  - Permanent impacts total at least 0.775 acres of stream and riparian habitat
- Mitigation proposed:
  - 1. Contribute funds to Riverside-Corona Resource Conservation District inlieu fee program for 2.31 acres streambed restoration and 0.015 acres riparian habitat and
  - 2. Hydroseeding all bare ground disturbed areas post-construction.
- Term May 5, 2022 to May 5, 2027:

Also note that while you are entitled to complete the project without an Agreement, you are still responsible for complying with other applicable local, state, and federal laws. These include, but are not limited to, Fish and Game Code sections 2080 *et seq.* (species listed as threatened or endangered, or a candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act); section 1908 (rare native plants); sections 3511, 4700, 5050, and 5515 (fully protected species); section 3503 (bird nests and eggs); section 3503.5 (birds of prey); section 5650 (water pollution); section 5652 (refuse disposal into water); section 5901 (fish passage); section 5937 (sufficient water for fish); and section 5948 (obstruction of stream).

Finally, if you decide to proceed with your project without an Agreement, you must have a copy of this letter <u>and</u> your notification with all attachments available at all times at the work site.

If you have questions regarding this letter, please contact John (Trey) Dempsey, Environmental Scientist, at (909) 549-8245 or by email at John.Dempsey@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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