

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: Street Address:
P.O. Box 3044 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Imperial
Address: 940 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

From:

Public Agency: Planning & Dev. Services Dept.
Address: 801 Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243
Contact: Jim Minnick, Interim Director
Phone: (760) 482-4236

Lead Agency (if different from above):
The California Natural Resources Agency
Address: 1416 9th St. Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814
Contact: Heather Baugh
Phone: (916) 653-8152



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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2010061062

Project Title: Salton Sea Conservation Habitat Program

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Project Applicant: N/A

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Project Location (include county): Imperial County

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Project Description:

The Salton Sea Species Conservation Habitat Program is to develop and construct approximately 3,370 acres of shallow ponds, contained within low berms, on either side of the New River at elevations less than -228 feet mean sea level. The ponds would be supplied with a combination of brackish and saline water. This water would be pumped from the New River and Salton Sea, respectively, and blended to maintain an appropriate salinity range.

This is to advise that the Imperial County Planning Commission has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on April 23, 2014 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Imperial County Planning & Development Services Dept. 801 Main St. El Centro, CA 92243

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Interim Director

Date: April 25, 2014 Date Received for filing at OPR:

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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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Phone:

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State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):
Project Title: Salton Sea Conservation Habitat Program
Project Applicant: N/A
Project Location (include county): Imperial County

Project Description:
The preferred alternative/least environmentally damaging practicable alternative/proposed project (Alternative 3 in the Draft EIS/EIR) would create approximately 3,770 acres of shallow ponds, contained within low berms, on either side of the New River at elevations less than -228 feet mean sea level. The ponds would be supplied with a combination of brackish and saline water. This water would be pumped from the New River and Salton Sea, respectively, and blended to maintain an appropriate salinity range. See further discussion attached.

This is to advise that the The California Natural Resources Agency has approved the above
[ ] Lead Agency or [ ] Responsible Agency

described project on August 5, 2013 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

- 1. The project [ ] will [ ] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [ ] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. [ ] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ ] were [ ] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ ] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [ ] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ ] were [ ] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

1416 9th Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento CA 95814
Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Secretary
Date: August 5, 2013 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Continued project description: The SCH Project is designed as a "proof-of-concept" project in which several Project features, characteristics, and operations could be tested under an adaptive management framework. The proof-of-concept period would last for approximately 10 years after completion of construction. By that time, managers would have had time to identify those management practices that best meet the Project goals. After the proof-of-concept period, the Project would be operated until the end of the 75-year period covered by the Quantification Settlement Agreement (2078) or until funding were no longer available. The SCH ponds would be constructed and operated by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (DFW), on behalf of the California Natural Resources Agency, who would be responsible for ensuring that mitigation measures are implemented prior to, during, and after construction of the Project. If another alternative is selected by the decision makers, or if Alternative 3 is modified as part of the approval process, this MMRP will be updated to ensure that all applicable mitigation measures are implemented.