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Project Title

Reclamation Plan 2023-01 (Zurich Pit, MS #308) – California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

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- ☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ☐ Notice of Intent (NOI)
- ☐ Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) or Negative Declaration (ND)
- ☐ Notice of Exemption (NOE)
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Notice of Determination - Inyo County

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

Project Title: Reclamation Plan 2023-01 (Zurich Pit, MS #308) – California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Project Applicant: California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), District 9 500 South Main St Bishop, Ca 93514.

Applicant Phone Number: 760-872-0681

Project Location: The Zurich Pit is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Big Pine, California, off State Route 168 East, on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land in Section 3, Township 9 South, Range 34 East, M.D.B.&M. (APN 018-070-10)..

Project Description: The project involves approval of Reclamation Plan No. 2023-01 for the Zurich Pit (Material Site #308), operated by Caltrans District 9 under a Highway Easement Deed issued by the Bureau of Land Management. The plan authorizes phased use and reclamation of approximately 14 acres within a previously disturbed 54.3-acre right-of-way for the extraction of decomposed granite used in highway maintenance. No expansion beyond the historically disturbed area is proposed. Reclamation will occur in two phases, with contemporaneous stabilization, 3:1 final slopes, dust control per Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District standards, and revegetation using a native seed mix consistent with local shadscale scrub habitat..

Project Action: Approval of Reclamation Plan 2023-01 (Zurich Pit, MS #308).California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Project Contact

Person: Ryan Standridge, Associate Planner, 760-878-0405

Lead Agency: Inyo County Planning Department

Summary: This is to advise that the Inyo County Planning Commission approved the above-described project on October 29, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-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.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
☐ No CEQA documents necessary for this application, pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at offices of the Inyo County Planning Department, 168 N. Edwards Street, Independence, California.



Cathreen Richards

Director, Inyo County Planning
Department

Title

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Date