

## **Notice of Section 401 Application Reception**

**File Number:** 332026-16

**Project Name:** I-15 Express Lanes Project Southern Extension (ELPSE) Geotechnical Investigations

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**Project Location:** 33.825263° N, -117.523459° W

**Project City and County:** Corona, Lake Elsinore, Unincorporated Riverside County

**Applicant Organization:** Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC)

**Applicant Name:** Jeff Dietzler

**Waterboard Staff:** TBA

### **Brief Description of Project:**

Project Description: Caltrans and the RCTC are proposing to develop a tolled express lane network on I-15 in Riverside County. The primary component of the I-15 ELPSE would be the addition of two tolled express lanes in both the NB and SB directions within the median of I-15 from SR-74 in the city of Lake Elsinore, through the unincorporated Riverside County community of Temescal Valley to El Cerrito Road in the city of Corona for a total distance of approximately 15.8 miles. The I-15 ELPSE would also add a SB auxiliary lane between both Main Street Off-Ramp and SR-74 On-Ramp (approximately 0.75 mile), and SR-74 Off-Ramp and Nichols Road On-Ramp (approximately 1 mile). In addition to the lane additions the I-15 ELPSE would include widening of up to 14 bridges; potential construction of noise barriers, retaining walls, and drainage systems; and implementation of electronic toll collection equipment and signs. Associated improvements, including advance signage and transition striping, would extend 2 miles from each end of the project limits to PM 20.3 in the south and PM 40.1 in the north.

Project Activities: To clarify, this application package is just for the geotechnical investigations that are required to support the development of the larger, I-15 ELPSE. A separate application package for the larger I-15 ELPSE will be submitted at a later date. A total of five geotechnical boring locations occur within aquatic resources. Two, A-26-002 and A-26-005, are located within Bedford Wash, and three, R-26-113, R-26-112, and R-26-111, are located within Temescal Wash. No boring locations are located within Coldwater Wash, but access will require adding temporary fill material on top of existing grouted rip rap in order to cross the wash and access one of the boring sites. Each boring location would be approximately 8 inches in diameter and would temporarily impact less than 0.0001 acre. A total of 0.0002 acre of non-wetland waters of the U.S. will be

temporarily impacted by boring locations. Temporary access routes are required to reach some investigation locations, including limited grading for access roads approximately up to approximately 20 feet wide. Temporary staging or laydown areas would also be used, located in upland and disturbed areas. Temporary impacts would be restored to pre-investigation grades following completion of work. A discussion of project activities within each of the three washes is discussed below.