

Notice of Section 401 Application Reception

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Project Name: Interstate 15 Corridor Project

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Project City: Eastvale, Jurupa Valley, Fontana

Project County: Riverside, San Bernardino

Applicant Organization: San Bernardino County Transportation Authority

Applicant Name: Sal Chavez

Waterboard Staff: TBA

Brief Description of Project:

Project Description: The goal of the proposed project is to alleviate some of the traffic by widening the freeway, adding two express lanes in each direction, adding auxiliary lanes in some portions, reconstructing on and off ramps, and by widening several bridges to accommodate the freeway widening.

Project Activities: Express Lane Expansion, Ramp Reconstruction, Bridge Widening, Installation of retaining walls. The I-15 corridor is experiencing considerable performance problems due to substantially high truck volumes (10 to 15 percent of the total traffic), heavy traffic demand on weekdays and weekends, and a lack of other reliable travel options. Due to the unique geographic characteristics of the area, the I-15 corridor remains the sole mainline route connecting the Inland Empire and Southern California metropolitan regions with the High Desert, Las Vegas, and beyond. There are no parallel highways that provide comparable direct road travel capability. The traffic demands on I-15 within the project area, arising from recreational and interstate commutes, combined with the recurring regional and interstate freight and goods movement demands, often result in substantial congestion and delays. Traffic demands on the existing capacity of I-15 within the project area, coupled with the lack of any parallel regional and interregional transportation facilities, as well as the forecasted increase in demand and traffic volumes, are anticipated to further reduce the operational performance and reliability of this part of the state highway system.