

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004112063

Project Title: Luz De Valle Wetland Enhancement Adaptive Management (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-37835-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The Project is located at an on-stream reservoir (pond) on an unnamed tributary to Corralitos Creek, accessed from 1850 Hames Road, in the City of Watsonville, County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.98748, Longitude -121.83162; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 107-361-09.

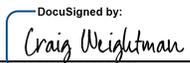
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-37835-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to Santa Cruz County Resource Conservation District as represented by Daniel Nysten (Permittee).

The Project is limited to the improvement of wetland function and habitat for amphibian species that has not met its desired objectives. The Project will install 3,050-sq ft of 45-mil EPDM (ethylene propylene diene Monomer) liner to the bottom of the pond. One (1) ft of existing topsoil will be excavated from the pond and the 3:1 side slope will be retained. Native vegetation will be salvaged and replanted.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 29, 2023, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  Date: 9/29/2023

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____