

Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	From: Public Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Address: 3883 Ruffin Road San Diego, CA 92123 Contact: Kelly Fisher Phone: 858-467-4207
Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Room 113 Sacramento, CA 95814	Lead Agency (if different from above): Name: City of Escondido Address: 201 North Broadway Escondido, CA 92025 Contact: Barbara Redlitz Phone: 760-839-4546

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

State Clearinghouse Number: (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2005111069

Project Title: Escondido Sewer Outfall Operations and Maintenance Activities Project

Project Applicant: City of Escondido

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the bed, channel, and bank of Escondido Creek at various locations along the Escondido Sewer Outfall pipeline "Outfall pipeline", which extends for approximately 14.2 miles from the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility, parallels Escondido Creek along most of its alignment, crosses the creek at nine locations, and traverses along the western boundary of San Elijo Lagoon to the San Elijo Ocean Outfall, beginning in the City of Escondido and ending in the City of Encinitas, County of San Diego.

Project Description: CDFW is intending to execute a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code (# 1600-2019-0236-R5) to the project applicant, City of Escondido. The project consists of Operations and Maintenance (O&M) activities associated with the Escondido Sewer Outfall alignment necessary to ensure its safe and reliable operation and to ensure compliance with federal and state laws. Typical O&M activities include: protection and maintenance of the Outfall pipeline where it crosses Escondido Creek; repair of channel banks or bottoms where the Outfall pipeline is exposed; repair of broken culverts; removal of debris clogs from the riparian corridor, including fallen trees; periodic vegetation clearing to maintain pedestrian or vehicle access at key locations; protection or repair of cathodic protection devices (i.e., rectifiers and test stations); and maintenance of existing access roads. Certain O&M activities require removal of debris, vegetation, sediment build-up, and/or dredge and fill material within the stream.

This is to advise that the CDFW acting as a Lead agency / Responsible agency has approved the above described project on March 12, 2020 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. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were / were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with the CDFW.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for the project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings is available at the CDFW office above.

Signature (Public Agency): David Mayer Date: 03/13/2020
 David Mayer
 Acting Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

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

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