CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS FOR STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT EPIMS NOTIFCATION NO. PLA-24763-R2

Introduction

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines) (Cal. Code Regs., Title 14, § 15000 et seq) require that no public agency shall approve or carry out a project for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been completed that identifies one or more significant effects, unless the agency makes the following finding as to each significant effect. The following finding is relevant to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's (CDFW) project approval:

• Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project which mitigate or avoid the significant effects on the environment.

CDFW is a responsible agency under CEQA with respect to the project because prior environmental review and approval of the project by the lead agency, the City of Lincoln (City) (see generally Pub. Resources Code, § 21067; CEQA Guidelines, § 15367). The City analyzed the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the project in an EIR (SCH No. 2010102018) and approved the project on December 11, 2012. In so doing, the City imposed mitigation and avoidance measures for impacts to biological resources as conditions of project approval and concluded that project-related impacts to biological resources could be substantially lessened with implementation of mitigation and avoidance measures, such that the impacts would be less than significant.

CDFW is entering into Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) EPIMS Notification No.PLA-24763-R2 with Silverado Hidden Hills, LLC. The project is located on Ingram Slough and unnamed tributaries, in the County of Placer, State of California. The project site is approximately centered on Latitude 38.873362, Longitude -121.264759 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

The project is associated with construction of a residential development on a 76-acre site within the City of Lincoln. The project includes the construction of a residential community and associated infrastructure including paved streets, underground utilities, storm water management facilities, and other associated improvements. The project is limited to activities that will impact Ingram Slough and unnamed tributaries. These activities include construction of two (2) culvert road crossings, construction of three (3) outfall structures and swales, and mass grading impacting an ephemeral drainage, seasonal swales, and associated wetlands.

Findings

CDFW has considered the EIR, adopted by the City and has independently concluded that the Agreement should be issued under the terms and conditions specified therein. In this regard, CDFW hereby adopts the findings of the City, as set forth in the EIR insofar as they pertain to the project's impacts on biological resources within CDFW's discretionary authority pursuant to Fish and Game Code sections 1600-1616.

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