

Notice of Determination



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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2011091078

Project Title: Salinas Watershed Invasive Non-Native Plant Control (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2012-0154-R4).

Project Location: The Project will occur entirely within Monterey County, in and adjacent to the Salinas River, from the mouth at the Pacific Ocean upstream to the border of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties. Three (3) general areas are defined as: Area 1) the Coastal Zone, occurring from the mouth of the River upstream approximately 2 miles to Highway 1; Area 2) occurring from the upstream limit of Area 1 and extending upstream to the town of King City, Monterey County; and Area 3) occurring from the town of King City upstream to the border of Monterey and San Luis Obispo Counties.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife is amending Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2012-0154-R4, issued to the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County. The Project includes a watershed-based, invasive, non-native plant control and riparian restoration program within the Salinas River watershed. The Agreement is amended to change the requirements for pre-activity surveys for which Arundo retreatment and planting activities outside the bird nesting season may occur.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 1/7/2020 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 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.

Signature *Date:* 1/7/2020
Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Date Received for filing at OPR: JAN 08 2020

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