

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2012071018

**Project Title:** Ferro Ditch Channel Improvement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0120-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located in the Beardsley watershed, in south-central unincorporated Ventura County California. The project begins northwest of the intersection of State Route 118 and Santa Clara Avenue; Latitude 34°15'23.98"N, Longitude 119°06'39.9"W.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0120-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

The Project will widen and rock line the existing earthen trapezoidal channel, both sides and bottom. The existing, primarily earthen, trapezoidal channel will be converted to a wider and deeper trapezoidal channel with 2:1 side slopes. It will increase the channel depth from 4 feet to 6.75 feet, with a base width of 7 feet, and a new average top width of 34 feet. The bottom of the culvert under Highway 118 is about 2.5 feet below the existing channel bottom at the downstream end. A 2-foot-thick riprap layer will be placed on a filter blanket to prevent washout of the sub-grade; the top three feet of the rock slope protection will be concreted to support a safer surface for the widened access road.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_ 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 /  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
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 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 /  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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

*Signature* Erinn Wilson *Date:* 11.13.2019

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