CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT FINDINGS FOR STREAMBED ALTERATION AGREEMENT EPIMS Notification No. SAC-21023-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, Sacramento County (the County), (see generally Pub. Resources Code, § 21067; CEQA Guidelines, § 15367). The County analyzed the environmental impacts associated with implementation of the project in an EIR (SCH No. 2013112038) and approved the project on December 19, 2018. In so doing, the County 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 Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-21023-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, L Street Land LP and BVRP, LP as represented by George Carpenter. The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Steelhead Creek in unincorporated Sacramento County, State of California; Latitude 38.72273, Longitude -121.41656; Assessor's Parcel Number 203-0010-015-0000, 203-0040-007-0000, 202-0070-006-0000, 203-0020-013-0000, and 203-0010-014-0000. The project is generally located south of Kasser Road and Tan Woods Road, west of Gibson Ranch Regional Park.

The project includes infrastructure improvements associated with development of the 298-acre project site, which generally includes development of the entire project site with approximately 253.1 acres of residential housing, 16.8 acres of detention basin, and 28.6 acres of mixed uses (school and park). The project includes the following components: mass grading and construction of two outfalls.

Findings

CDFW has considered the EIR, adopted by the County. CDFW 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 County, 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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