

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018081098

**Project Title:** Big Canyon Coastal Habitat Restoration Phase 2A Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0235-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within the City of Newport Beach, County of Orange, California; Latitude 33.630890° N, Longitude -117.880724° W. The streambed alteration/construction within the Big Canyon Nature Park and includes a segment of Big Canyon Creek, a tributary to Upper Newport Bay.

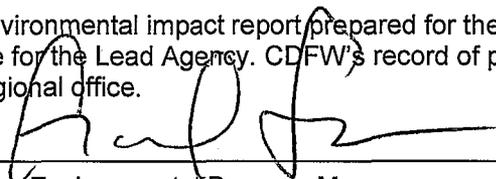
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0235-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, City of Newport Beach as represented by Robert Stein.

The project proposes remove and replace existing invasive exotic vegetation, stabilize the creek banks and restore connectivity with the floodplain, restore riparian habitat and create a mosaic of native and resilient habitats that promote biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, and enhance public access and education with improved trails and closure of illegal trails.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 7/25/19 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project  will /  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 initial study 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 /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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**   
Gail Sevrens, Environmental Program Manager

**Date:** 7/25/19

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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