

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 Costal Habitat Restoration Phase 2A (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0235-R5)

Project Location Orange County: The project is located within Big Canyon Creek, a tributary to Upper Newport Bay in the City of Newport Beach.

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.

The project proposes to remove and replace existing and invasive exotic vegetation (6.83 acres), stabilize the creek banks and restore connectivity with the flood plain, 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. A total of 9.19 acres of delineated areas will be temporally impacted by this project.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on December 24, 2019 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gail K. Sevrens".

Date: 12/24/19

Gail K. Sevrens, Environmental Program Manager

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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