

Notice of Determination

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From: Public Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
Name: City of Laguna Niguel
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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number: (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019049141

Project Title: Laguna Niguel Wetlands Operations and Maintenance Project

Project Applicant: City of Laguna Niguel

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the bed, channel, and bank of Salt Creek, Sulphur Creek, and unnamed tributaries to Aliso Creek and Salt Creek, in the City of Laguna Niguel, Orange County.

Project Description: CDFW is intending to execute a Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code (# 1600-2017-0240-R5) to the project applicant, City of Laguna Niguel. The project includes minor maintenance activities within 13 wetland sites. Maintenance involves removing herbaceous vegetation, trimming understory of riparian vegetation, removal of non-native vegetation, removal of accumulated sediment to facilitate positive flow and maintain flood capacity, trash and debris removal, and access path maintenance.

This is to advise that the CDFW acting as a Lead agency / Responsible agency has approved the above described project on May 19, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
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 pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):

Payment is submitted with this notice.

A copy of a receipt showing prior payment is on file with the CDFW.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for the project is available to the General Public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings is available at the CDFW office above.

Signature (Public Agency): David Mayer Date: 5/21/2020
David Mayer
Environmental Program Manager

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

MAY 21 2020

Date Received for Filing at OPR: STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.