Notice of Determination

To: ⊠ Office of Planning and Research *For U.S. Mail:* P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 From: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Central Region 1234 East Shaw Avenue Fresno, California 93710 Contact: Jeff Cann Phone: 831-649-7194

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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: 2021060719

Project Title: Moss Landing Wildlife Area Bank Enhancement Project

Project Applicant: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Project Location: Monterey

Project Description: The Moss Landing Wildlife Area Bank Enhancement Project (project) would replace an existing perimeter levee within the Moss Landing Wildlife Area (Wildlife Area) with a new setback levee to protect habitat for western snowy plover (Charadrius nivosus nivosus) from tidal inundation and sea level rise; recontour an approximate 850-linear-foot section of the bank along Elkhorn Slough that is actively eroding; plant eelgrass in aquatic habitat south of the recontoured bank; improve public access and amenities; and implement managed salt pond and infrastructure maintenance and repair activities. The Wildlife Area is located adjacent to the Elkhorn Slough Estuary, which is situated 90 miles south of San Francisco and 20 miles north of Monterey on the Moss Landing U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as $[\square]$ the lead agency / \square a responsible agency] approved the above described project on <u>12/17/2021</u> and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment
- 2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures [\boxtimes were / \square were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was / was not] adopted for this project.
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was / was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings [were / were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative declaration, is available to the General Public at:

A digital copy of the MND can be obtained by contacting <u>R4CEQA@wildlife.ca.gov</u>.

Julie Vance

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Date: 12/17/2021

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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