

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1994041020

Project Title: Old Mission Dam Maintenance Dredging Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-43976-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The project is located within the San Diego River immediately upstream of the Old Mission Dam in the Mission Trails regional Park, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego, State of California; Latitude 32.8398333, Longitude -117.04304167; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map La Mesa quadrangle, Township 15 South, Range 2 West, SBM; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 383-021-15 and 383-010-04.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-43976-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, City of San Diego.

The Project proposes annual vegetation removal in order to prevent the establishment of vegetation within the maintenance area and dredging on an as needed basis when there is at least 2 feet of sediment accumulation behind the dam. If water is flowing during a maintenance activity, temporary diversion structures will be installed upstream of the work area to divert the flow around the work area. Dredging will occur by staging a backhoe on an unvegetated sand bar to remove accumulated sediments from behind the dam and stockpile them on bare ground outside the river. A skid-steer/bobcat will then be used to move the material from the stockpile to a dump truck. This Project is a continuation of activities previously authorized under Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2019-0078-R5, which has expired, and will be conducted within the same 0.53-acre footprint. In that previous Agreement, the impacts were considered permanent in anticipation of periodic disturbance from ongoing maintenance activities and mitigated accordingly.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the Project described above on March 20, 2024, 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** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **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 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature: _____ Date: 3/20/2024
Victoria Tang, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____