

# Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 1991101048

**Project Title:** Lake Mathews and Cajalco Creek Dam and Detention Basins Long-term Routine Maintenance Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2014-0014-R6 [Revision 2]) Amendment 1

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within Lake Mathews, Cajalco Creek, and several unnamed tributaries to Lake Mathews, generally bounded by Lake Mathews on the north, El Sobrante Road on the east, Cajalco Road on the south, and La Sierra Avenue on the west, in the County of Riverside, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a major amendment to Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2014-0014-R6 [Revision 2], pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. The Lake Mathews and Cajalco Creek Dam and Detention Basins Long-term Routine Maintenance Project includes the long-term, ongoing routine maintenance of ten (10) existing facilities at Lake Mathews, including: the Cajalco Creek Dam and Detention Basin, Lake Mathews Sediment Basins 1-4, underdrain, North and South spillways, and two weirs (Weirs 1 and 2).

The amendment includes a revision of the project description for the maintenance of the Cajalco Creek Dam and Detention Basin (CCDDB). Specifically, the amendment includes the removal of the phasing requirement for routine maintenance of the CCDDB. The original Agreement allows for the annual sediment and vegetation removal of 2.65 acres, this acreage is revised to 7.04 acres (annually). Authorized project impacts of up to 24.84 acres were revised to 21.28 acres of Fish and Game Code section 1600 et seq. resources.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 11/1/2021 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 Environmental Impact Report 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.

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11/1/2021

Signature

Date:

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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_