

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2006012037

**Project Title:** Los Vaqueros Watershed and Conservation Lands Pond Routine Maintenance (Long-term Routine Maintenance Agreement No. EPIMS-CCA-31285-R3)

**Project Location:** The project occurs on the Los Vaqueros Reservoir Watershed (Watershed) and three groups of parcels outside the Watershed (Conservation Lands).

The Watershed encompasses 18,500 acres in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties on portions of Township 1S Range 2E, T 1S R 3E, and T 2S R 2E within the Byron Hot Springs, Brentwood and Tassajara U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle maps.

The three groups of Conservation Lands parcels collectively encompass approximately 1,730 acres and are individually known as the Altamont Habitat Management Unit (HMU) in Alameda County (found in portions of T 2S R 3E and 4E and on the Clifton Court Forebay and Midway USGS quads), Marsh Creek HMU in Contra Costa County (found in portions of T 1N R 2E and on the Antioch South USGS quad), and the Morgan Territory HMU in Contra Costa County (found in portions of T 1S R 2E and T 2S R 2E and on the Tassajara USGS quad).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Long-term Routine Maintenance Agreement (EPIMS-CCA-31285-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Contra Costa Water District as represented by John Howard.

The project will implement routine maintenance activities in 105 ponds, to support habitat for California red-legged frog (CRLF) and/or California tiger salamander (CTS). These activities include vegetation removal, sediment removal, water retention, dam repair, and fence repair.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 31, 2023, 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 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** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** 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 Final EIR 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.

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*Melissa Farinha*

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7/31/2023

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