

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016101065

Project Title: Monarch Hills Residential Development Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0073-R6)

Project Location (include county): The project is located along unnamed ephemeral drainages and the Hawker-Crawford Channel within the City of Fontana, in the County of San Bernardino, State of California; Latitude 34.170954, Longitude -117.459229; Section 13, Township 1 North, Range 6 West, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Devore. The project area encompasses 223 acres of land, including offsite areas. It is bisected by utility easements and is bounded by the San Bernardino National Forest to the north, Lytle Creek Road and Interstate 15 to the south, Duncan Canyon Creek and undeveloped land to the east, and residential housing to the west.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0073-R6, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Richland Developers, Inc.

The project is limited to the construction of a residential community on approximately 136.4 acres. It consists of five privately gated residential neighborhoods, 489 dwelling units of varying densities, two private parks, a private recreation building and pool, trails and water quality basins. The project includes widening Lytle Creek Road from two lanes to four and realigning 3,500 linear feet of it to run through the project and connect to Coyote Canyon Road. Project activities subject to Fish and Game Code section 1602 include grading and filling of the onsite ephemeral drainages and installation/construction of stormwater facilities related to the construction of the residential community. The project also includes offsite grading, drainage improvements, and fuel modification along the northern property boundary. Approximately 3,500 linear feet of the existing Hawker-Crawford Channel will be realigned to the eastern edge of the community and consist of 3,395 linear feet of concrete channel. Offsite drainage from the north will be captured and conveyed through a separate drain system and connect directly to the new Hawker-Crawford Channel. Two debris basins are proposed at the northern edge of the developed portion of the site to de-bulk offsite flows. Onsite drainage will be captured and conveyed through a separate system of catch basins and underground storm drains that would route storm water through water quality and/or detention facilities prior to discharging to Hawker-Crawford Channel. One open water quality basin will be constructed over 1.9 acres in the southwest corner of the site.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on May 7, 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.

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- 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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Signature

Date:

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____