

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004121015

Project Title: Upper Santa Clara River Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0084-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles): The project is located within the Upper Santa Clara River (SCR) and associated tributaries, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Location will vary depending on the individual Project.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an amendment for Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0084-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (District) as represented by Debra Gillis.

The Project is limited to the alteration of the SCR and associated tributaries due to implementation of the Santa Clara River Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program (SCARP). SCARP will consist of six geographic regions or reaches. Chipping of Arundo stalks will be permitted to be used as mulching materials in upland disturbed Project areas. Chipping will be limited to the stalks, no part of the rhizome shall be disturbed or chipped. Monitoring shall be conducted in mulched areas to ensure no spreading or regrowth of invasive arundo will take place.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 6, 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** 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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 Signature: _____ Date: 11/21/2023
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____