

**Notice of Determination**



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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2005101047

**Project Title:** Snell Pipeline Inspection and Rehabilitation Project (Project); Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCL-32083-R3; Major Amendment No. 1

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is approximately 8.5 miles long, which begins at the Santa Teresa Water Treatment Plant and the Santa Teresa Hills in the City of San Jose, and runs northeast through the City of San Jose before terminating at the connection to east Evergreen Pipeline, east of Capitol Expressway in the State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number EPIMS-SCL-32083-R3, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Emmanuel Aryee/Santa Clara Valley Water District.

The Project will involve discharging approximately 19.7 million gallons of treated water into 14 locations within four creeks (Thompson Creek, Canoas Creek, Upper and Lower Silver Creek, and Coyote Creek). The purpose of discharging treated water is to inspect and rehabilitate the Snell Pipeline.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 10/25/2023 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:

Signature Craig Weightman Date: 10/25/2023  
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Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_