Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2010081027

Project Title: Nautical Cove Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-RIV-30965-R6)

Project Location (Riverside): The Nautical Cove Project (Project) is located at an unnamed tributary leading to San Jacinto River, east of I-215, west of California State Route (SR) 79, south of Tres Lagos Drive, and North of Holland Road, in the City of Menifee, County of Riverside, State of California. Located at Latitude 33.671538 and Longitude -117.14169 within Township 6 South and Range 3 West of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5" Romoland quadrangle map. The Project site consists of Assessor Parcel Number 364-200-009.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-RIV-30965-R6), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, KB Homes as represented by Scott Hansen.

The Project is limited to the construction of road and culvert enhancements to unnamed tributaries to San Jacinto River, Drainage A, Ditch B, and Ditch C. The Project will consist of residential and recreational areas; 233 single family homes, 11 open space lots, water quality basins, community center, park, and a 12.38-acre lake feature. The manufactured lake is expected to span diagonally across the Project area from the southeast corner of the area to the northwest corner, where the lake system will connect to seven (7) existing box culverts that convey runoff to Menifee Lakes, located west of Southshore Drive. Any future ongoing projects with these culverts such as, but not limited to, removing/clearing excessive vegetation, and reconstructing damaged areas will require additional notification to CDFW for Routine Maintenance. Permanent and temporary impacts within Drainage A include: increasing the length of an existing culvert with the addition of a headwall and riprap in the northeast corner (Ditch C), cut-off walls and concrete spillway in the northwest corner, and over-excavation of manufactured slopes along the length of the channel. Road improvements affecting the drainage that runs parallel to Briggs Road will permanently impact Drainage/Ditch B.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 9, 2024, 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 **Mitigated Negative Declaration** 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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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Date: 7/9/2024

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____