

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016112045

Project Title: Pure Water Soquel: Porter Street Bridge Crossing (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-32421-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The project is located at Soquel Creek, a tributary to the Pacific Ocean, accessed from the Porter Street Bridge, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.98483, Longitude -121.95745.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-32421-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Soquel Creek Water District.

The project is limited to the installation of a conveyance pipeline crossing at Porter Street Bridge as part of the Pure Water Soquel Groundwater Replenishment and Seawater Intrusion Prevention (PWS) project. The project requires earthwork and trenching at two locations (north and south side) to connect the bridge mounted pipeline segment to the below-grade (in-road) pipeline segments on either side of the bridge. Ground disturbance will result in 0.028 acre of temporary impacts to the stream bank. Use of the slurry mixture will result in 0.001 acre of permanent impacts. No trees will be removed.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 20, 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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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____