

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2017121005

**Project Title:** Aliso Creek Trail Slope Repairs Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2015-0115-R5)

**Project Location:** The project is located within Aliso Creek, a tributary to the Pacific Ocean, in the City of Laguna Hills, County of Orange; Latitude 33.6818, Longitude -117.6648; U.S. Geological Survey map San Juan Capistrano quadrangle, Section 34, Township 6 south, Range 8 west, San Bernardino meridian. The project is located between Paseo de Valencia and Interstate 5, southeast of Los Alisos Boulevard.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2015-0115-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Orange County Parks.

The Aliso Creek Trail Slope Repairs Project will armor four locations within the stream in the project area. One location will incorporate the removal of two 60-inch corrugated metal culverts and replace them with two 60-inch concrete culverts. The other three stream armoring areas include the installation of rock rip-rap bank protection at erosion sites and potential erosion sites within the stream. The project includes the maintenance of the rock rip-rap structures and culvert crossing structure installed as a part of the project. Temporarily stream impacts of up to 0.41 acre will be restored and replanted after construction. Permanent stream impacts of up to 0.16 acre will be mitigated either through the application of credit(s) purchased from a CDFW-approved mitigation bank, or the creation of 0.16 acre of in-kind habitat and the restoration or enhancement of 0.32 acre.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 03/11/2019 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 /  negative declaration] 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 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 /  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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:   
Gail K. Sevrems, Environmental Program Manager

Governor's Office of Planning and Research Date: 3/11/19

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