

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2005061171

Project Title: Littlerock Reservoir Sediment Removal Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. LAN-20081-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The Project is located at Littlerock Reservoir, which is on Littlerock Creek in the City of Palmdale, Los Angeles County, California. The Project site lies within the Pacifico Mountain U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangle at Latitude 34.484040° and Longitude -118.023238° and Assessor's Parcel Number 3059-027-312.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Notification No. LAN-20081-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project applicant Palmdale Water District, as represented by Scott Rogers.

The Project is limited to Phase II of a three-phase project to remove sediment from the Littlerock Reservoir to restore its original design capacity. Sediment removal activities will occur over a 7-12 year period and approximately 1,165,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed from a 9-acre area within the reservoir. Approximately 97,000 to 166,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed annually. This amount will vary depending upon availability of equipment, rainfall, and other factors. Work will be conducted from early September until the end of February each work season or until the reservoir is inundated by seasonal rainfall.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on September 13, 2022 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 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____