

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004101076

Project Title: 5_56 Bike Path (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-24201)

Project Location ([San Diego]): The Project is located at Carmel Creek, directly upstream from Los Peñasquitos Lagoon, at the Interstate 5 (I-5) bridge undercrossing.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-24201-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Caltrans will construct a Class I bike path to connect from Old Sorrento Valley Road west of I-5, under the I-5 bridge, to the west end of the Carmel Valley Restoration and Enhancement Project trail. The project will result in permanent impacts to 0.16 acre unvegetated non-wetland waters, and 0.33 acre of riparian habitat. The project will result in temporary impacts to 0.04 acre unvegetated non-wetland waters and 0.26 acre of riparian habitat.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 11, 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 and consists of all the measures in the Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement.
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.

Signature: David Mayer Date: 10/12/2022
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