

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2015041091

Project Title: Lake Wohlford Dam Replacement Project

Project Applicant: City of Escondido

Project Location (include county): Lake Wohlford, Escondido, CA San Diego County

Project Description:

The San Diego Water Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2025-0080) to the City of Escondido.

The Project entails constructing a replacement dam immediately downstream (west) of the existing dam and partially deconstructing the existing dam by removing the hydraulic fill material that is at a higher elevation than the original rockfill. The replacement dam will feature an outlet tower that is integrated into the dam's upstream face; the top of the existing outlet tower will be demolished, and the bottom of the existing outlet tower and the outlet pipe will be filled with sand and abandoned in place.

This is to advise that the San Diego Water Board, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on April 16, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.

5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The final EIR prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office of the Lead Agency listed above. The record associated with the San Diego Water Board's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No. R9-2025-0080/PIN 895828).

Signature (Public Agency) of David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.
Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.