

**Notice of Determination**

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108****State Clearinghouse Number:** 2018081098**Project Title:** Big Canyon Coastal Habitat Restoration and Adaptation Project – Phase 2A (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0235-R5)**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within the Big Canyon Nature Park and includes a segment of the Big Canyon Creek, a tributary to Upper Newport Bay, in the County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.630890, Longitude -117.880724. The Project is located in the City of Newport Beach, east of Upper Newport Bay and west of Jamboree Road, on the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Newport Beach 7.5 minute series quadrangle topographic map.**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2018-0235-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the City of Newport Beach as represented by Mr. Robert Stein.

This phase of the Big Canyon Coastal Habitat Restoration and Adaptation Project involves restoration of the area straddling Big Canyon Creek identified as Phase 2A. The purpose of the proposed project is to remove and replace existing invasive exotic vegetation, stabilize the creek banks and restore connectivity with the floodplain, restore riparian habitat and create a mosaic of native and resilient habitats that promote biodiversity and healthy ecosystems, and enhance public access and education with improved trails and closure of illegal trails.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A  mitigated negative declaration /  negative declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
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 and the record related to project approval is available to the general public for review at CDFW's regional office listed above.

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Date:

David Mayer, Environmental Program Manager

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