

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1995031055

Project Title: Black Oak Road Undercrossing (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-18630-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara County): The project is located at an unnamed stream tributary to Lower Orcutt Creek, Latitude 34.854916, Longitude -120.406990; accessed from Black Oak Drive, Orcutt, CA, 93455; Assessor's Parcel Number 101-400-008.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-18630-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Santa Barbara County Department of Public Works represented by Morgan Jones.

Vintage Ranch Subdivision Developer is proposing a subdivision at the above location that will necessitate the widening of an existing fire access road and its conversion to a public use road. To accommodate the road widening and to improve wildlife passage through this point, Permittee plans to extend the existing reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) by 15 linear feet on each end and place a new precast concrete box culvert parallel to the existing RCP offset by seven feet. The box culvert will be installed through excavation and a trench-cut into the existing roadway. The trench-cut will require shoring and the use of a crane to place the box culvert. All disturbed soil will be hydroseeded using a local native seed mix. Equipment will include an excavator, backhoe, dump truck, and crane. There will be no water present during the proposed work period and no work in wetted portions of the creek.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/21/2022 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 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: Erinn Wilson-Olgin Date: 7/21/2022
Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____