

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002101020

Project Title: Heritage Fields/Great Park (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-40884-R5)

Project Location (Orange County): The Heritage Fields/Great Park Project is located at the Agua Chinon Channel and Borrego Channel in the County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.671777, Longitude -117.731829.

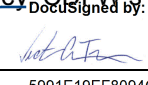
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-ORA-40884-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Heritage Fields El Toro, LLC.

The Project is limited to the development of the Agua Chinon and Borrego Channels to create the Heritage Fields El Toro residential neighborhood and the Orange County Great Park. To develop the channels, vegetation will be removed, the channels will be filled, and then graded to allow for construction. The Project was previously permitted under Streambed Alteration Agreement 1600-2006-0258-R5, but was not completed. The Project has been mitigating for 11.30 acres of permanent impacts and 10.45 acres of temporary impacts through the phased mitigation of the Agua Chinon Corridor.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 12, 2023 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.

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Signature:  **Date:** 12/12/2023
Victoria Tang, Acting Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____