

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2000021068

Project Title: Sand and Gravel Mining of the Santa Maria River (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-26067-R5)

Project Location (County): The project is located at the Santa Maria River, in the County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.95767, Longitude -120.381316; 2065 East Main Street, Santa Maria, CA, 93454; Assessor's Parcel Number 128-094-002. Figure 1 below shows a map of the location for this project.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement ([EPIMS-SBA-26067-R5]), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, The City of Santa Maria represented by Heriberto Cantu.

The project is the continuation of sand and gravel mining operations in Santa Maria River. Sand and gravel material is skimmed from the Santa Maria River on an annual basis, stockpiled on the adjacent landfill property, and used as cover for the landfill to prevent trash from blowing into the river and for health and safety compliance. Sand and gravel mining will take place in alternating areas consisting of approximately 31 to 34 acres each year. The mining area will be skimmed no more than four feet deep or will come no more than within four feet of the water table. If groundwater is encountered mining activities will stop in that area. Mining activities will take place when the river is dry and occur between July 16th through October 31st with a possible extension to December 1st if no rain is forecasted.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 8/3/2022 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 **Mitigated Negative Declaration** 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 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.

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The Mitigated Negative Declaration 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: Erinn Wilson-Ogin Date: 8/3/2022
Erinn Wilson-Ogin, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____