

Notice of Determination

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

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Project Title: Amended Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-26719-R5 for 2065 Sweeney Rd, ABL Farms, Inc.


Project Location (Santa Barbara): The Project is located at 2065 Sweeney Road, Lompoc, Santa Barbara County, California 93436; Latitude 34.647377, Longitude -120.425167; Assessor Parcel Number (APN) 099-420-014. Two unnamed ephemeral streams run through the property.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed an amended Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement; EPIMS-SBA-26719-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the Applicant, ABL Farms, Inc., for the project located at 2065 Sweeney Road. The Project is the one-time maintenance of two existing culverts that will impact 675 square feet of stream habitat. To compensate for the impacts from the culvert maintenance, 0.05 acres of on-site stream habitat will be restored. The cannabis operation includes the cultivation of 3.32 acres of outdoor cannabis and the construction of accessory structures, access roads, fencing, and security lighting on a 10.05-acre property. Water will be supplied by one primary and two backup wells on the adjacent property (APN 099-420-013). The cannabis operation will maintain a 50-foot setback from the two ephemeral streams on the property. The amendment to Agreement EPIMS-SBA-26719-R5 includes increasing the height of the fencing surrounding the property from six to eight feet and replacing the fencing surrounding the protected habitat and stream setback areas from chain link fencing to three strand wire on T-posts.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on April 24, 2024, 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 environmental impact report 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:  _____ **Date:** 4/24/2024 _____
Victoria Tang, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____