

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019119023

Project Title: Van Norman Complex Routine Maintenance Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2023-018-05 (ITP))

Project Location (include county): The Van Norman Routine Maintenance Project (Project) is located at the 1,340-acre Van Norman Complex within the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles. The Project is located immediately northwest of Interstate 5 and Interstate 405 interchange. The Project lies within the U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute San Fernando quadrangle at Township 2 North, Range 15 West, Sections 5 and 6.

Project Description: The Van Norman Complex is an industrial complex owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. The Van Norman Complex is the termination point for the Los Angeles Aqueducts and contains the Los Angeles Reservoir, the largest in-basin reservoir in the City of Los Angeles. The Van Norman Complex serves many functions, including those relating to water service, power service, and flood control. The Project will remove sediment and vegetation from both within and outside 14 earthen channels, earthen basins, or concrete-lined channels in the Van Norman Complex. Routine sediment and vegetation removal is needed to protect water and power infrastructure and property, and reduce flood risk. The Project includes the permanent protection and perpetual management of compensatory habitat. The Project will result in permanent impacts to 6.04 acres of least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*) habitat. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of least Bell's vireo, which is designated as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act. The ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation.

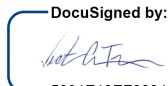
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on 10/13/2023 and made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project [will / 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. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional 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 / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
 6. Findings [were / were not] made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a). CDFW did, however, adopt findings to document its compliance with CEQA.
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The Negative Declaration prepared by the lead agency for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature

Date:

Victoria Tang, Acting Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____