

Notice of Determination

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From:
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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number: (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2020060453

Project Title: Maple Canyon Restoration

Project Applicant: City of San Diego

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the bed, channel, and bank of an unnamed tributary to San Diego Bay within Maple Canyon, running northeast to southwest from the corner of Spruce Street and Fourth Avenue to the eastern terminus of West Maple Street, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego.

Project Description: CDFW is intending to execute a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code (# EPIMS-SDO-15182-R5) to the project applicant, City of San Diego. The project is described as a 2-phase project. Phase 1 will replace 16 existing storm drain systems (SDs) from adjacent streets that outfall into Maple Canyon and construct a new SD within Maple Street, and Phase 2 will restore and expand the channel to establish streambed and riparian habitats along the canyon floor. For Phase 2, the existing creek is to be completely regraded to stabilize the streambed and banks, to prevent further erosion, and to restore native habitat to all areas being graded. The streambed will be widened, and 23 4-ft drop structures will be added to reduce the gradient between the structures and slow water velocities to stop erosion. Boulders will be placed at the base of the drop structures to dissipate the energy of the water. The streambed is to be planted with mostly short, wetland or facultative wetland, annuals and perennial shrubs. The banks will be planted with streamside-adapted species. Upper bank and any floodplain areas will support a mixture of bottomland annuals, perennials, shrubs, and riparian trees.

This is to advise that the CDFW acting as a Lead agency / Responsible agency has approved the above described project on August 26, 2021, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment.

- 2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
- 3. 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 pursuant to the provisions of 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 is on file with the CDFW.

This is to certify that 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 is available at the CDFW office above.

Signature (Public Agency): DocuSigned by:
David Mayer
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David Mayer
Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.