

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
 State Clearinghouse Number: 2020080200

Project Title: Springfield Water System Improvements Project (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2022-050-04 (ITP))

Project Location: The Springfield Water System Improvements Project (Project) is located approximately 2 miles north of the community of Moss Landing in unincorporated northern Monterey County. Within the Public Land Survey System, the Project is in Township 12S, Section 32, Range 2E and Township 13S, Section 5, Range 2E.

Project Description: The Project involves the expansion and enhancement of the Springfield Water System and will include the development of a new source of potable water supply; storage, treatment, and pumping facilities; and distribution system improvements.

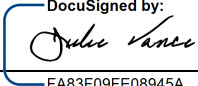
The Project will result in the following impacts to California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) habitat: permanent loss of 0.29 acres of non-native grassland that provides upland dispersal and refugia habitat; temporary loss of 0.80 acres of disturbed/ruderal areas that provide upland dispersal and refugia habitat; temporary loss of 0.46 acres of active agricultural areas that provide upland dispersal habitat and may provide refugia habitat; and 5.91 acres of paved roadways and developed residential areas that may be traversed by California tiger salamander. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander, which is designated as a threatened species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). 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 9/30/2024 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

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record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

Signature  *Date: 9/30/2024*
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Julie A. Vance, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____