

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020090439

Project Title: Montecito Debris Flow Mitigation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0076-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project is located in Santa Barbara County above the Community of Montecito at six separate sites on Cold Springs Creek, San Ysidro Creek, and Buena Vista Creek. The Assessor Parcel Numbers associated with the project are 011-010-027, 011-010-028, 151-180-019, 007-020-003, and 007-020-009.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2020-0076-R5 (Agreement), pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project applicant, The Project for Resilient Communities (TPRC) represented by Patrick McElroy. The project consists of the maintenance, monitoring, and subsequent removal of six debris flow nets at the creek locations mentioned above. These nets were installed across the creeks to mitigate the threat of large and destructive debris flows in response to the 2018 Thomas Fire and subsequent debris flows. Maintenance and monitoring activities will ensure the nets do not become barriers to fish or wildlife passage while they are in place. Monitoring activities will include physical monthly inspections during dry seasons, 48-hour inspections after storms, camera monitoring every two weeks to begin with, and annual freeboard inspections. Maintenance activities include any repairs that need to be made to the nets, removal of accumulated debris, and re-establishment of low flow channels.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on the date the Agreement was executed 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 / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.
7. The mitigated negative declaration / 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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature Erinn Wilson-Olgin
 Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager

Date: 9/30/2021

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____