

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020100594

**Project Title:** Andree Clark Bird Refuge Restoration Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-25470-R5)

**Project Location (Santa Barbara County):** 1100 E. Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, California in Andree Clark Bird Refuge Lake/Lagoon and 1414 Park Place, Santa Barbara, California; County of Santa Barbara

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement ([EPIMS-SBA-25470-R5]), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of Santa Barbara-Creeks Division represented by George Johnson.

Permittee proposes to conduct a restoration project at the Andree Clark Bird Refuge to improve the overall conditions, habitat value, and water quality. The restoration project will include restoring vegetation and slopes along sections of the bird refuge's perimeter and islands, restoring portions of the lagoon and dunes along the area south of U.S. Highway 101 (beach lagoon) to the Pacific Ocean, removing and replacing the weir dam and weir gate structure at East Cabrillo Boulevard, and constructing a low flow water treatment wetland at the Municipal Tennis Courts north of the bird refuge. An additional component, periodic breach priming to allow the mouth to naturally breach during high flows or tides will take place but is not considered under this Lake and Streambed Agreement due to its location on the beach at the ocean.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 8/3/2022 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 Negative Declaration 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 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.

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The 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: Erinn Wilson-Olgin Date: 8/3/2022  
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Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_