

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021040017

**Project Title:** Long-term Streambed Alteration Agreement for the Soft-Bottom Channel Maintenance Plan for Select Reaches (Master Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0224-R5)

**Project Location (Los Angeles County):** The project is located within 103 soft-bottom (also known as “earthen-bottomed”) flood control channel reaches located in multiple watersheds. These soft-bottom channels are tributaries to the Santa Clara River, Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Malibu Creek, Ballona Creek, and Dominguez Channel watersheds located in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. The project also includes compensatory mitigation activities at Stickleback River Ranch located along the Santa Clara River. Stickleback River Ranch is located at 9777 Soledad Canyon Road near Santa Clarita in an unincorporated area within the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Master Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0224-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Angeles County Flood Control District (LACFCD). LACFCD proposes to conduct project activities related to the routine maintenance of 103 soft-bottom flood control channel reaches. Annual routine maintenance activities for the soft-bottom channel reaches involve minor structural repairs, vegetation maintenance, sediment and debris maintenance, surface water diversion, and the implementation of general best management practices (BMPs). Project activities also include habitat restoration, maintenance, and monitoring at Stickleback River Ranch. The project does not involve any additional construction or other activities, and it is limited to ongoing maintenance activities required to protect downstream property and infrastructure from potential damage caused by flooding and debris flows.

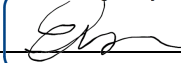
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 31, 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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** 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** 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 Mitigated 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:  Date: 8/31/2023

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