

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021030344

**Project Title:** Loma Alta Slough Wetlands Enhancement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-34398-R5)

**Project Location (San Diego County):** The project is located at Loma Alta Slough at the mouth of Loma Alta Creek, bounded by South Pacific Street and Buccaneer Beach on the west side, South Coast Highway on the east side, Buccaneer Park and Paradise By the Sea RV Resort on the south side, and the La Salina Wastewater Treatment Plant and commercial property on the north side, in the City of Oceanside, County of San Diego.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SDO-34398-R5, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, City of Oceanside. The proposed project involves enhancement of the existing marsh in the Slough and restoration of marsh and transitional uplands in the adjacent properties. Goals of the project include improving and restoring habitat for native species, providing increased habitat resiliency to sea-level rise, improving water quality in the Slough, and enhancing recreational enjoyment of the area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 6/5/2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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 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.

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