

**Notice of Determination****- 1 -****To:**

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**From:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021030428

Project Title: Vallecitos Channel Maintenance Project [California Endangered Species Act (CESA) Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2021-027-03 (ITP)]

Project Location: The Project is located in unincorporated Alameda County south of State Route 84 and east of Interstate 680 in the foothills of the Diablo Range. The Project extends from the head of the Vallecitos Channel where the California Department of Water Resources South Bay Aqueduct emergency culvert outlet is located and extends downstream 7,980 feet at approximately 37.596433, -121.859136.

Project Description: The Project involves the following targeted treatment types and associated maintenance activities to repair erosion and stabilize the stream channel: vegetation and sediment management, bioengineering treatments, toe rock slope protection (RSP), full RSP, grouted RSP, and upland road drainage improvements.

The Project will result in impacts to 2.06 acres of California tiger salamander (*Ambystoma californiense*) and Alameda whipsnake (*Masticophis lateralis euryxanthus*) habitat including temporary impacts to 1.46 acres and conversion of 0.60 acres of California tiger salamander and Alameda whipsnake grassland habitat to riparian/wetland. The Project is expected to result in incidental take of California tiger salamander and Alameda whipsnake, which are designated as a threatened species under 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 7/9/2021 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 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).
  - [ An environmental impact report /  A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
  - Additional mitigation measures [ were /  were not] made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
  - A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
  - A Statement of Overriding Considerations [ was /  was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
  - 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.
  - 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 record of proceedings related to the incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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Stacy Sherman

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Date: 7/9/2021

Stacy Sherman, Acting Regional Manager

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