

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number: (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021050537

Project Title: Federal Boulevard Chollas Creek Restoration & Trail

Project Applicant: Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek

Project Location (include county): The project is located within a 1,885-foot concrete-lined stretch of Chollas Creek, north of State Route (SR) 94, east of SR 15 and Home Avenue, south of Federal Boulevard, and west of Interstate 805, in the City of San Diego, County of San Diego.

Project Description: CDFW is intending to execute a Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code (# EPIMS-SDO-23253-R5) to the project applicant, Groundwork San Diego-Chollas Creek. The project entails the removal of approximately 1,885 linear feet of concrete channel lining and the construction of a 3,100 linear foot pedestrian trail outside the channel. Overall, the project will remove 2.26 acres of impermeable concrete channel and replace it with 2.84 acres of permeable channel lined with natural stone placed to mimic a natural stream meander during low flow, and capable of containing a 100-year flood during high flows. An existing bridge (part of the old Federal Blvd. alignment) spanning Chollas Creek which is currently used to access a sewer manhole will be removed and the sewer manhole will be replaced with pipe. A concrete lined drop structure that flows into an un-grouted rock energy dissipater will be installed at the upstream end, and four natural rock drop structures will be installed in the channel to create a gentle slope between drops, increase retention time, and dissipate energy. Channel access would be maintained through the installation of access ramps on the north side of the channel, which will be stabilized with articulated concrete block and herbaceous vegetation characteristic of Diegan coastal sage scrub.

This is to advise that the CDFW acting as a Lead agency / Responsible agency has approved the above described project on 4/27/2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [will / will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to CEQA.
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 / was not] adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings [were / were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
7. 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 is on file with the CDFW.

This is to certify that 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 is available at the CDFW office above.

Signature (Public Agency):  _____ Date: 4/27/2022

David Mayer
Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.