

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: CA. Dept. of Water Resources

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance Public Resources Code section 21108.

PROJECT TITLE: Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project

LEAD AGENCY: City of Salinas **SCH#:** 2021050632

CONTACT PERSON: Thomas Wiles **PHONE NUMBER:** (831) 758-7206

PROJECT LOCATION: 618 Sherwood Drive, City of Salinas, Monterey County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Carr Lake Restoration and Park Development Project (Project) will restore 26 acres of riparian habitat and 40 acres of diverse upland grassland habitat, construct trails, bridges, boardwalks, and signage to facilitate public access, and develop park and recreation amenities on an additional 6 acres. The Project will convert agricultural land in an urban area to riparian and upland habitat by restoring Gabilan and Hospital Creeks and floodplain functions. The Project will restore and enhance riparian fish and wildlife habitat, improve water quality through stormwater treatment green infrastructure construction (distributary channels, seasonal and treatment wetlands, and an inset floodplain), enhance carbon sequestration in creeks and vegetated areas, and increase public access to natural areas. The Project will cover 73 acres in the City of Salinas, Monterey County. The Big Sur Land Trust owns the parcel and is partially funded through the DWR Urban Streams Restoration Project to complete this Project.

FINDINGS:

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources Urban Streams Restoration Program approved the project described above and awarded Big Sur Land Trust in the amount of \$ 2,500,000 on November 30, 2023.

The Department of Water Resources has made the following determinations regarding the project.

1. The project **will not** have significant effects on the environment.
2. A **Negative Declaration** was prepared for this project by the City of Salinas pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Additional mitigation measures **were not** made a condition of the issuance of the funding agreement.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.

The California Department of Water Resources is a "Responsible Agency" not a "Lead Agency for this project and the DFW fees for this project were paid on 9/16/21.

Signature: James R Long Date: 1/21/2025

DATE RECEIVED FOR FILING AND POSTING AT OPR: _____

DFW Filing has been paid. (Attach Receipt)