

## Notice of Determination

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Office of Planning and Research  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021070365

**Project Title:** East Mountain Drive Low Water Crossing Replacement Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-25927-R5)

**Project Location** (Santa Barbara County): The project site is located where East Mountain Drive crosses over Cold Spring Creek approximately 0.25 river mile upstream from Cold Spring Debris Basin in the un-incorporated community of Montecito, County of Santa Barbara, State of California: Latitude N 34.455856°, Longitude W - 119.653007°. The Project falls between Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APN) 013-040-013 and 013-040-014.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-25927-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, County of Santa Barbara as represented by Morgan Jones.

The project covered under this Agreement is to remove the temporary bridge and replace it with a permanent bridge. The temporary bridge clear spans the creek, is just over 12.5 feet wide by 90 feet long and sits on top of two concrete abutments that are 6 feet deep by 18 feet wide by 10 feet long. The new permanent bridge will also clear span the creek, will be 31 feet wide by 70 feet long, and sit on two new abutments placed at the same location of the previous abutments. The project will result in a total of 0.05 acre of impacts to an area of stream characterized as *Platanus racemosa* Woodland Alliance. The project includes restoration to 0.85 acres surrounding the new bridge.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 8, 2024, 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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*Jennifer Turner*  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/9/2024  
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Jennifer Turner, Acting Environmental Program Manager, signing for  
Victoria Tang, Environmental Program Manager

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