

Notice of Determination

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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 amended Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-25927-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, and the project Applicant, County of Santa Barbara as represented by Morgan Jones.


The change covered under this amendment to the original agreement is to allow the pouring of wet cement within 150 feet of the stream during the rainy season but not below the top of bank. This is so that essential aspects of the project can be completed such as concrete curbs, gutters, and posts that are within 150 feet of the stream but are not located below the top of the bank of the stream. All measures described in the original agreement to keep wet cement out of the stream will remain the same.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the amendment described above on February 24, 2025, 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 not** 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.

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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Signature: _____ Date: 2/24/2025
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____