

Notice of Determination

To:
Office of Planning and Research
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From:
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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108*
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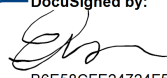
Project Title: Santa Margarita River Bridge Replacement and Fish Passage Barrier Removal (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2024-0003-R5)

Project Location: The Project is located at Sandia Creek Drive as it crosses Santa Margarita River, near Fallbrook. The Project is located in the County of San Diego, State of California; approximate coordinates 33.414383, - 117.241000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued this Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 2081(a) of the Fish and Game Code to California Trout, Inc. This Project will remove and replace a concrete box culvert crossing that is a fish passage barrier for southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) on Santa Margarita River and revegetation of the project site with native plant species. The Project is expected to benefit southern California steelhead and least Bell's vireo (*Vireo belli pusillus*), referred to as the Covered Species.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on September 17, 2024 and made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. 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).
 2. [An environmental impact report / A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
 3. Additional 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 by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
 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 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 record of issuance of the Restoration Management Permit is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature _____ **Date:** _____
Erinn Wilson-Olgin, *Regional Manager*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____