

Notice of Determination

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From: Public Agency: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
Name: East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority
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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): 2022040551

Project Title: East County Advanced Water Purification Project

Project Applicant: East County Advance Water Purification Joint Powers Authority

Project Location (include county): The project is located within the bed, channel, and bank at 13 sites in unnamed tributaries to Sycamore Creek in the City of Santee and along the bank of Lake Jennings in the unincorporated community of Lakeside, in the County of San Diego.

Project Description: CDFW is intending to execute a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code (# EPIMS-SDO-30099-R5) to the project applicant, East County Advanced Water Purification Joint Powers Authority. The overall project is a potable reuse project that includes the construction of new wastewater and recycled water facilities in the cities of San Diego and Santee, the construction of the 24-inch outer diameter East County AWP pipeline from the Ray Stoyer Water Recycling Facility in Santee to Lake Jennings, and construction of a dechlorination facility, aeration blower building, water feature inlet, and generator at Lake Jennings. This Agreement authorizes individual projects related to the installation of the East County AWP pipeline via open trench construction at 14 locations. No other aspects of the overall project are included in this authorization. Project activities include trimming/removing vegetation, excavating a trench using standard earthmoving equipment, installing pipe, backfilling the excavation, restoring the impacted areas to pre-project stream contours, and installing erosion control BMPs.

This is to advise that the CDFW acting as a Lead agency / Responsible agency has approved the above described project on 1/10/2023 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): DocuSigned by:
David Mayer
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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.