

Notice of Determination**- 1 -**

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
State Clearinghouse Number: 2023040250

Project Title: Southern Los Cerritos Wetland Restoration Project (Permit for Recovery and Management No. PRAM-2024-0008-R5)

Project Location: The Project is located in the city of Seal Beach, adjacent to the Orange County/Los Angeles County border that runs along the San Gabriel River. The Project's approximate central coordinates are 33.752165, -118.097153. The Project is approximately 103.5 acres.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued this Permit for Recovery Management (PRAM) pursuant to section 2081(a) of the Fish and Game Code to the Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority. This Project will restore and create intertidal wetlands, transitional wetland, and upland habitats in the southern Los Cerritos Wetlands. The Project is expected to benefit Belding's Savannah sparrow (*Passerculus sandwichensis beldingi*), referred to as the Covered Species. The Project may result in take of two adult individuals and four eggs or juveniles of the Covered Species in the form of incidental mortality during construction of the Project. Permittee is authorized to relocate the Covered Species out of harm's way. CDFW has determined and expects that the Project will benefit, aid in the conservation of, and assist in the recovery of the Covered Species. This notice is to advise that CDFW issued the above-described PRAM on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as [the lead agency / a responsible agency] approved the above-described project on February 7, 2025 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:** 2/7/2025
Erinn Wilson-Olgin, *Regional Manager, South Coast Region*

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____