

# Notice of Determination

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**From:**  
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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):** 2023110494

**Project Title:** Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Habitat Restoration Plan

**Project Applicant:** County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation

**Project Location (include county):** The Project is located in the Tijuana River Valley, San Diego County. The Project area is primarily bound to the north by Sunset Avenue, to the south by the U.S.-Mexico International Border, to the west by Border Field State Park and the Tijuana River National Estuarine Research Reserve (TRNERR), and to the east by Dairy Mart Road and the residential community of San Ysidro. The part of the Dairy Mart Ponds that extends further east between the Interstate 5 corridor and Camino de la Plaza is also included. Project's approximate center readings are latitude 32.54812, longitude - 117.085203.

**Project Description:** The San Diego Water Board issued a Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification (Certification No. R9-2024-0085) to the Project Applicant to implement the *Tijuana River Valley Invasive Species Removal and Restoration Habitat Restoration Plan* (HRP), dated January 2024, to remove many of the invasive non-native plant species that occur within the Park and revegetate with native species. Under the HRP, restoration activities conducted within waters of the State will cause temporary impacts to approximately 174.5 acres of invasive, non-native, and disturbed wetland waters of the State and riparian habitats through the implementation of habitat restoration activities. Activities may include mechanized and non-mechanized removal and trimming of invasive and non-native vegetation and select trimming of native vegetation to provide access to targeted

treatment locations of non-native species. Minor grading in discreet areas may occur to restore natural contours and flow patterns following removal of non-native vegetation. Herbicides, hand removal, mechanical mowing and discing, mechanical clearing, and solarization may be implemented for biomass removal and invasive/non-native plant treatments. General protection measures will be implemented during project construction activities to avoid and minimize potential short term, long term, and cumulative adverse effects. The HRP includes implementation of site maintenance activities, a 3-year monitoring program with success criteria and adaptive management, and reporting for the revegetation or restoration sites.

This is to advise that the San Diego Water Board, a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on November 19, 2024, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project.

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the San Diego Water Board's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made by the San Diego Water Board pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the mitigated negative declaration is available to the general public at the office of the Lead Agency listed above. The record associated with the San Diego Water Board's decision is available at 2375 Northside Drive, Ste. 100, San Diego CA 92108, ph. 619-521-1990 (Electronic File No./PIN 894463).

Signature (Public Agency) of David W. Gibson, Executive Officer:

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

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resource Code.  
Reference Sections 210000-21174, Public Resource Code.