

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2007112110

**Project Title:** Sacramento County HCP - Deer Creek Mitigation Site (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0178-R2)

**Project Location:** The project is located at an unnamed tributary to Deer Creek in the unincorporated community of Sloughouse, in Sacramento County, State of California; Latitude 38.5127944, Longitude -121.1703805, Section 25, 26, 35, 36, Township 8N, Range 7E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map Buffalo Creek, at 13333 Kiefer Boulevard with access from a private driveway approximately 1 mile north of the intersection of Jackson Road (SR 16) and Kiefer Boulevard, Assessor's Parcel Number 073-007-021.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2020-0178-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Wildlands – Deer Creek Holdings I, LLC, as represented by Joe Sanderson.

The project is located at the 301-acre Deer Creek Mitigation Preserve previously proposed as a mitigation bank, but it is now being proposed as an in-lieu fee mitigation site for the South Sacramento Habitat Conservation Plan (SSHCP). The project will involve the restoration of a creek system and associated habitat features. The restoration actions will result in the re-establishment of a stable channel, increase channel sinuosity, increase channel/flood plain interaction, and enhance water quality. The project will also re-establish a vernal pool complex with interconnecting swales in an area that previously supported a vernal pool landscape and re-establish appropriately sited vernal pools in areas with few existing features. In total, the project would re-establish 9 acres of vernal pools, restore 1.56 acres of seasonal wetland swales, and re-establish 1.44 acres of ephemeral stream within the project area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 10/28/2020 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 /  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
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.

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- 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 /  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 Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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*Kelley Barker*

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Date: 10/28/2020

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