

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012111011

Project Title: Upper Aliso Creek Restoration Project
(Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. ORA-13492-R5)

Project Location: The Project is located at Aliso Creek, in the County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.634344, Longitude -117.674095; the project area is north of the intersection of Trabuco Road and Manalastas Drive; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 613-141-15.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number ORA-13492-R5, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Orange County Flood Control District. The Project is limited to the widening and stream bank restoration of Aliso Creek, upstream of the Trabuco Road, and will repair the incised banks to ease erosive forces during storm events. Three sets of double boulder cross veins will be placed in the streambed consisting of strategically placed, partially embedded boulders across the stream channel that are intended to reduce the amount of localized erosion and collect beneficial sediments to restore the elevation of the incised creek bed. In combination with boulder placement, the toe of bank will be planted with native vegetation to protect against erosion.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 11/16/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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. CDFW considered the environmental impact report 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.
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 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.

Signature 

Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Programs Manager I

Date: 11/16/2021

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____