

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: Barranca Channel Repair Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-25756-R5)

Project Location: The project is located between Barranca Parkway and Jamboree Road, at Barranca Channel, a tributary to San Diego Creek, in the City of Irvine, County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.694057, Longitude -117.834652.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-ORA-25756-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Orange County Department of Public Works.

The project is limited to the replacement of earthen banks with ungrouted riprap in 1,790 linear feet of Barranca Channel. Currently, the project site has an earthen invert, earthen channel banks, and sparse existing riprap; the existing riprap has been installed where the banks are sloughing down into the invert. The channel currently has urban runoff which will be pumped around the construction site via cofferdams and sump pumps. Project activities will be executed from, and the staging areas will be placed on, the existing County-owned maintenance road adjacent to and outside of the channel. Construction is anticipated to take approximately four months.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May 15, 2023 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** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** adopted by CDFW for this project.
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 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 a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

Signature:  Date: 5/15/2023
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____