

Notice of Determination**- 1 -**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2011041066

Project Title: Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program (Amendment No. 4 to Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0016-R4)

Project Location: The Project includes an approximately 92-mile linear length of the Salinas River from River Mile 2 to River Mile 94, and two miles cumulatively from San Lorenzo Creek, Bryant Canyon Channel, and Gonzales Slough, all tributaries to the Salinas River, in Monterey County, California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed the Amended and Restated Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement) number 1600-2016-0016-R4, issued to Resource Conservation District of Monterey County.

The Project includes activities related to routine Maintenance Projects with the goals of improving flood protection and increasing channel capacity of the streams. Maintenance Projects will occur within existing, enhanced, or created secondary channels within the Salinas River; within the Salinas River outside secondary channels; and within Gonzales Slough, Bryant Canyon Channel, and San Lorenzo Creek. Maintenance Projects include sediment removal and grading, vegetation removal, Arundo removal, bar ripping, and tree planting. In addition, the Agreement allows mowing of dead Arundo as a retreatment method in years of premature dormancy and minor edits to tree planting language to maintain consistency within the Agreement. Amendment No. 4 to the Agreement allows email approvals to be submitted by Responsible Parties rather than new signatures for any VRF modifications and 60-day extension so 'spring' VRF activities with CDFW Region R4 staff emailed approval in case work delays occur, typically from climatic conditions or ideal herbicide timing.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 4/20/2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

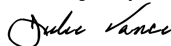
1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were 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 made by CDFW pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21091.

The environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature

Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

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