

**Notice of Determination**

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2019029041

**Project Title:** Syphon Reservoir Geotechnical Investigation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0050-R5)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located within the Syphon Reservoir, a water storage reservoir owned and managed by the Irvine Ranch Water District, in the County of Orange, State of California; Latitude 33.71669, Longitude -117.7225. The Project is located in the City of Irvine, east of California State Route 133, west of Bee Canyon Access Road.

**Project Description:** This phase of the project is limited to the geotechnical investigation project which involves excavation of exploratory test pits, borings, and geophysical surveys to characterize the subsurface conditions of the soil within Syphon Reservoir.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 8/5/19 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 initial study 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 final environmental impact report 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   
Gail Sevrens, Environmental Program Manager

Date: 8/5/19  
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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

August 6, 2019  
**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**