

Notice of Determination**- 1 -****To:**

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2001031043

Project Title: Debris Basin Removal (Amendment of Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2017-0037-R5)

Project Location (include county): The project has been amended to include three debris basins within the County of Santa Barbara, State of California: Maria Ygnacio Creek, East Branch Debris Basin, located on the east branch of Maria Ygnacio Creek approximately 1,000 feet north of Via Regina; Maria Ygnacio Creek, Main Branch Debris Basin is located on the main branch of Maria Ygnacio Creek approximately 3,000 feet north of Old San Marcos Rd.; Romero Debris Basin is located on Romero Creek, approximately 200 feet west of 975 Romero Canyon Rd.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has executed an Amendment of Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2017-0037-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to Santa Barbara County Flood Control District. The project is limited to removing or modifying debris basins to improve fish passage. The Amendment removes activities at Cold Creek Springs Debris Basin, Rattlesnake Creek Debris Basin, and San Ysidro Debris Basin and adds modifications to Romero Debris Basin. Modifications at Romero Debris Basin include partially removing the existing dam embankment and culvert, constructing a new outlet structure with a roughened rock ramp energy dissipater, and creating a pilot channel upstream of the outlet. Six coast live oak trees will be removed during construction and replaced with 70 coast live oak plantings.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 11/22/2021 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 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  DocuSigned by:
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Date: 11/24/2021

Erinn Wilson, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____