

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2001031043

**Project Title:** San Ysidro Debris Basin Modification (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-27145-R5)

**Project Location (Santa Barbara County):** The San Ysidro Debris Modification Project is located along San Ysidro Creek within the San Ysidro debris basin directly west of 900 W. Park Lane north of the community of Montecito, County of Santa Barbara, State of California; Latitude 34.449566, Longitude -119.622865.

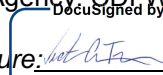
**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-27145-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Santa Barbara County Flood Control District.

The Project is limited to the modification of the San Ysidro debris basin to allow for fish passage, improve the flood control functionality, and restore sediment transport through the watershed. To modify the dam, a central portion will be excavated and replaced with an open outlet structure. The Project will reconstruct a pilot channel for the San Ysidro Creek within the debris basin using the stream simulation method. Post-project monitoring will occur to evaluate the effectiveness of the modification for at least five years. The Project will result in 0.45 acre of impacts through the grading, dam removal, channel construction, and stream reconfiguration. No trees will be removed as part of the Project.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 7, 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 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 California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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: 12/7/2023  
Victoria Tang, Acting Environmental Program Manager

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