

## Notice of Determination

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

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2011092059

**Project Title:** Shortcut Pipeline Phase 3 Improvement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-CCA-44206-R3)

**Project Location (Contra Costa county):** The project is located at Walnut Creek between the western side of the Marathon refinery and the Conco Industrial site development, in the City of Martinez, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; approximate center is Latitude 38.019922 N, Longitude - 122.075150 W; Assessor's Parcel Number 159-250-019-0.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-CCA-44206-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Contra Costa Water District.

The project is limited to installation of a new section of pipeline underneath Walnut Creek crossing for the purpose of conveying water to replace an existing failing section of pipeline. The new section includes two 36-inch diameter pipelines, each extending a distance of about 1,960 feet. The new pipelines are to be installed by horizontal directional drilling (HDD), and are expected to reach a maximum depth to invert of about 80 feet below the existing ground surface. The new pipelines will be connected to the existing pipeline with an array of connecting pipe. The old section of pipe is to be drained, slurry/grout filled, and abandoned in place.

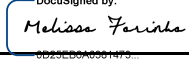
This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on March 22, 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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 not** 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 Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Supplement) 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.

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Signature:  Date: 3/22/2024  
Melissa Farinha, Environmental Program Manager

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