



State of California – The Resources Agency
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: State Clearinghouse
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FROM: Department of Parks and Recreation
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SUBJECT: Filing of the Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code.

PROJECT TITLE: Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2002051135

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PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located within the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area in Los Angeles County and is largely located within Malibu Creek State Park and Malibu Lagoon State Beach. The predominant project feature is removal of Rindge Dam. Rindge Dam is located on Malibu Creek in Malibu Creek State Park, three miles upstream from Surfrider Beach and the City of Malibu. The project includes removal of aquatic barriers on two tributaries to Malibu Creek, Las Virgenes Creek in Malibu Creek State Park and the City of Calabasas and Cold Creek in unincorporated Los Angeles County. The project also includes transport of shoreline compatible sediment by trucks to Ventura Harbor and by barge to the nearshore environment off the coast of the Malibu Pier parking lot.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of ecosystem restoration of Malibu Creek. The principal features of the project include:

- a. removal of the Rindge Dam concrete spillway apron and the concrete arch;
- b. removal of 780,000 cubic yards of impounded sediment;
- c. transport of shoreline compatible sediment by trucks to Ventura Harbor and by barge to the nearshore environment off the coast of the Malibu Pier parking lot;
- d. placement of the impounded sand layer in the nearshore along the Malibu shoreline;
- e. disposal of remaining impounded sediment at Calabasas landfill; and
- f. modification and/or removal of eight partial aquatic upstream habitat barriers on the Cold Creek and Las Virgenes Creek tributaries to Malibu Creek including Piuma Pipe Arch Culvert, Malibu Meadows Road Bridge, Crater Camp Road Bridge, Cold Canyon Road Culvert, Crags Road Culvert, White Oak Farms Dam, Lost Hills Road Culvert, and Meadow Creek Lane Channel.

The primary purpose of the project is to restore aquatic habitat connectivity along Malibu Creek and tributaries, establish a more natural sediment regime from the watershed to the shoreline, and restore aquatic habitat of sufficient quality along Malibu Creek and tributaries to sustain or enhance indigenous populations of aquatic species within the next several decades. The predominant project feature is removal of Rindge Dam. Dam removal would restore 18 miles of stream connectivity and riparian habitat for migratory wildlife and would also replenish sand and gravel to nourish shoreline and nearshore habitats.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation has approved this project and has made the following determinations:

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
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- 2. A Final Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted, pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
 A Final Environmental Impact Report has been completed in compliance with CEQA and has been presented to the decision-making body of this Department for its independent review and consideration of the information, prior to approval of the project.
- 3. Mitigation measures were were not made a condition of project approval.
- 4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was was not adopted for this project.
- 5. Findings were were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report and record of project approval to the General Public at the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Angeles District, located at 1925 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, California, 91302.

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2/21/2023
Date