

Notice of Determination**- 1**

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052

Project Title: Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2024-0006-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located within 11.7 acres of Garland Ranch Regional Park and 0.5 acres of an adjacent privately-owned parcel, in the census-designated place of Carmel Valley, Monterey County, California; centered at coordinates 36.51077, -121.77551; Section 29, Township 16 South, Range 2 East; Assessor's Parcel Numbers 416-027-025-000 and 416-511-005-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued a Restoration Management Permit (RMP) pursuant to section 2081(a) of the Fish and Game Code to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District for Garland Ranch Regional Park Fuel Management Project (Project). The Project will restore 10.9 acres of riparian habitat currently dominated by blue gum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus globulus*), a non-native species. Habitat quality is degraded due to the encroachment of eucalyptus and the accumulation of fuels. Project activities will enhance habitat quality by addressing the causes for degradation and revegetating the Project Area with native species. The Project will produce suitable foraging, nesting, and overwintering habitat for western bumble bee (*Bombus occidentalis*) and Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*) (collectively, Covered Species). The Project is estimated to take one nest and five additional individuals of each of the Covered Species in the form of kill and capture, CDFW has determined and expects the Project will benefit, aid in the conservation of, and assist in the recovery of the Covered Species.

Permittee is undertaking the Project in the context of the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (Program EIR), which the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection certified in December 2019 (SCH No. 2019012052). The Program EIR evaluates the potential environmental effects of implementing qualifying vegetation treatments to reduce the risk of wildfire throughout the State Responsibility Area in California. It was designed for use by many state, special district, and local agencies to accelerate vegetation treatment project approvals

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by finding them to be within the scope of the Program EIR. In October 2023, Permittee, with the technical assistance of Denise Duffy & Associates, Inc., prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA), and in August 2024, an Addendum to the CalVTP Program EIR for the Project. The PSA and Addendum evaluated whether the Project's proposed treatments are consistent with the CalVTP Program EIR and concluded that they are. On August 7, 2024, Permittee, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), approved the Project as described in the PSA and Addendum and made the following determinations, among others: the Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the Project; the Project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15162; and the Project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the Program EIR.

This notice is to advise that CDFW, acting as a responsible agency under CEQA, issued the above-described RMP on the date signed below 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. An environmental impact report was prepared by the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (the Program EIR), and a project-specific analysis and addendum (PSA and Addendum) were prepared by Permittee for the Project (see Project Description section above for more detail).
 3. Additional 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
 7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code section 711.4 (check one):
 - Payment is submitted with this notice.
 - A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.
- Responsible Agency statement: The Program EIR and PSA and Addendum are available to the general public at the office location listed above for the lead agency. The Program EIR is also available at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp-homepage/>. The PSA and Addendum are also available at <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp-homepage/environmental-documentation-for-approved-projects/>. CDFW's record of issuance of the RMP is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature  *Date:* 11/5/2024
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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____