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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014071050

Project Title: Carmel Lagoon Sandbar Management 2025-2026 (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-62045-R4)

Project Location: The Project is located in the Carmel River at its terminus at the Carmel Lagoon at the Carmel River State Beach and Lagoon between Highway 1 and the Pacific Ocean in the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Monterey County, State of California; Assessor's Parcel Number 009-481-004-000; Latitude 36.53700, Longitude -121.92800.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-MON-62045-R4, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Monterey County.

The Project includes activities to facilitate controlled beach sandbar overtopping using a pilot channel to allow the Carmel River to flow from the Carmel Lagoon into the Pacific Ocean, and subsequent sandbar closure to reestablish the Carmel Lagoon sandbar, to alleviate imminent flood risk to adjacent residential properties and infrastructure.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 12/9/2025 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 environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency.

Signature: DocuSigned by: Julie Vance FA83F09FE08945A... *Date:* 12/9/2025

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Date Received for filing at OPR: _____