

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004112063

Project Title: Seascape Wetland Enhancement Project Phase II (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-59398-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): The Project is located within the Seascape Uplands Preserve, at an on-stream reservoir (Pond 1) built on an unnamed tributary to the Pacific Ocean, in the County of Santa Cruz, State of California; Latitude 36.95852, Longitude -121.87086; Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 053-131-28.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-59398-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Center for Natural Lands Management, as represented by Cathy Little.


The Seascape Uplands Preserve, managed by the Center for Natural Lands Management since 1997 under a Habitat Conservation Plan, supports breeding habitat for the endangered Santa Cruz Long-toed salamander (SCLTS) within multiple ponds (on-stream reservoirs). The Project will conduct vegetation management activities needed to enhance conditions in Pond 1 for SCLTS breeding through hand removal and targeted herbicide treatment of California bulrush removal (~8,200 sq ft), willow removal (~5,700 sq ft), vegetation thinning (~1,300 sq ft), and black locust tree removal (up to 12 trees). The Project does not require use of heavy equipment or road construction. A small staging area (500 sq ft) will support chainsaw refueling, herbicide mixing, and storage. Cleared material will be stockpiled in a 650 sq ft designated area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 6, 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 **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 Mitigated Negative Declaration 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: 8/14/2025

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Date Received for filing at LCI: