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Notice of Determination

To:
Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012011009

Project Title: Ocean Outlets Maintenance Program (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-ORA-36772-R5)

Project Location (Orange County): The Ocean Outlets Maintenance Project (Project) is located within 5 outlets to the Pacific Ocean: Talbert Outlet in Huntington Beach, Santa Ana River Outlet in Newport Beach and Huntington Beach, Salt Creek Outlet in Dana Point, Estrella storm channel outlet in Dana Point, and Segunda Deshecha Cañada Outlet in San Clemente.

Project Site	Latitude	Longitude
Talbert Outlet	33.632486	-117.960996
Santa Ana River Outlet	33.630887	-117.957551
Salt Creek Outlet	33.481626	-117.724502
Estrella Storm Channel	33.450355	-117.659695
Segunda Deshecha Cañada	33.431601	-117.632759

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-ORA-36772-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, County of Orange.

The Project is limited to the maintenance of 5 ocean outlets. As-needed maintenance generally consists of removal of sand/sediment within the outlets and placement of the removed sand/sediment on nearby beaches. Loose boulders and rock riprap from any rock jetties will be retrieved and replaced. The outlets will be inspected twice a year in the fall and spring, with the Talbert Channel outlet and Santa Ana River outlet additionally inspected in the summer, winter, and after every major storm event. Additional maintenance may be required within 7 days of any observed blockages at each of the sites to ensure tidal flow throughout the outlets. Heavy equipment including excavators, bulldozers, backhoes, and articulating dump trucks will be utilized for work. Access would occur from the public beaches surrounding each outlet.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December 1, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

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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** 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.

Signed by:
Signature: Glen Lubcke AD7D070BCB66466... *Date:* 12/1/2025

Glen Lubcke, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: