

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013032001

Project Title: Vista Grande Drainage Basin Improvement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SFO-14833-R3, Major Amendment)

Project Location (San Francisco County): The Project is located at Lake Merced, South and Impound Lakes, San Francisco, San Francisco County, State of California; Latitude 37.71612, Longitude -122.49291, Assessor's Parcel Number 728-3004.

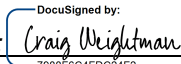
Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued a major amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SFO-14833-R3, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of Daly City.

The project amendment includes incorporating approximately 10 acres of riparian and wetland habitat restoration at 14 sites at Lake Merced. This additional habitat restoration is necessary to satisfy the California Coastal Commission's requirement for compensatory mitigation for the project's anticipated operational impacts on environmentally sensitive habitat areas and wetlands. The project, as described in the original Agreement, would raise the lake water surface elevation from approximately 6.0 feet City Datum to 8.5 feet, and would cause inundation and loss or type change of wetlands and riparian areas around Lake Merced. This amendment would incorporate additional arroyo willow riparian restoration acreage into the project.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 7/16/2025 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 not** 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** made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The Final EIR 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.

Signature:  Date: 7/16/2025
Craig Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: