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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2004121015

Project Title: Upper Santa Clara River Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2018-0084-R5)

Project Location (Los Angeles County): The project is located within the Upper Santa Clara River (SCR) and associated tributaries, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. Location will vary depending on the individual Project.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement Notification No. 1600-2018-0084-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the Ventura County Resource Conservation District (District) as represented by Jamie Whiteford.

The Project is limited to the alteration of the SCR and associated tributaries due to implementation of the Santa Clara River Arundo/Tamarisk Removal Program (SCARP). The Project is being amended to include three new project areas (I-K). The Project will also be amended to allow for vegetation removal in work areas which meet specific

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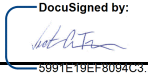
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conditions to extend into a portion of the nesting bird season (March 15th). Finally, herbicide application will be allowed to be conducted year-round. These work activities will only be able to implemented if certain site-conditions exist and with adherence of existing and amended avoidance and minimization measures.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 20, 2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to Section 15096, subdivision (i) of the California Code of Regulations:

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 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:* 2/20/2026
Victoria Tang, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: