

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 1997101051

Project Title: Fairview Park Mesa Restoration: Coastal Sage Scrub and Flower Fields Habitat Restoration and Monitoring Plan Implementation Project (Restoration Management Permit No. RMP-2025-0016-R5 (RMP))

Project Location (Orange County): The 15.35-acre project is located at 2525 Placentia Ave in the City of Costa Mesa, in the County of Orange, State of California; Approximate Coordinates 33.664021, -117.941395.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has determined that the project is a Qualifying Restoration Project pursuant to section 1671(d)(1) of the Fish and Game Code, and the project is expected to result in a substantial, cumulative benefit to native fish, wildlife, plants, and their habitat, or any combination thereof.

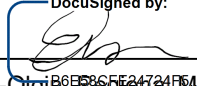
The project is designed to restore and enhance 15.35 acres of coastal sage scrub and native flower habitat for the benefit of Crotch's bumble bee (*Bombus crotchii*; candidate for listing under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), Western burrowing owl (*Athene cunicularia hypugaea*; candidate for listing under CESA), and coastal California gnatcatcher (*Poliophtila californica californica*; listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act). The project will remove invasive vegetation, revegetate with native plants, and maintain the restoration planting. Before restoration begins, temporary fencing and signage will be installed. Initial invasive vegetation removal will be done by hand-pulling, hand-tools, mechanical removal, and herbicide.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on December XX, 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 **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 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:* 12/16/2025
Erinn Wilson-Ortiz, Regional Manager
South Coast Region

Date Received for filing at LCI: