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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: 2004011048

Project Title: Sweetwater Reservoir Aeration and Destratification System Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-55830-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The Project will occur at the western limits of Sweetwater Reservoir. Nearest address is 100 Lakeview Avenue, Spring Valley, CA 91977

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-55830-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, with the project applicant, Xochitl Aranda, acting on behalf of Sweetwater Authority.

The Project includes the installation of a new aeration and destratification system within Sweetwater Reservoir. The system will consist of air compressors feeding a diffuser line that is attached to a buoyant air pipeline in the reservoir. The underwater portion of the diffuser line will be anchored by concrete structures set at the bottom of the reservoir and tethered to the line by stainless steel cables. The pipe system will be assembled on land before placing it in the ground and the reservoir. The Project will result in temporary

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impacts to 0.08 acres of coastal sage scrub that is adjacent to the reservoir.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 7, 2025, 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: DocuSigned by: Heather A. Pert DF4234988814B441... *Date:* 11/7/2025

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