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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018061020

Project Title: San Luis Rey Habitat Management Area Wetland Restoration Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS- SDO-16574-R5)

Project Location (San Diego): The project is located in the San Luis Rey River Valley, west of Interstate 15 and south of State Route 76, in the unincorporated community of Fallbrook, in the County of San Diego.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an Extension and Amendment to Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS- SDO-16574-R5), pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, San Diego County Water Authority.

The Amendment will implement the updated San Luis Rey HMA Wetland Restoration Plan to establish advanced permittee responsible mitigation site for compensatory mitigation for use exclusively by the San Diego County Water Authority. The project description is amended to capture resulting temporary impacts from grading to 0.10 acre of arrowweed scrub, 0.52 acre of Arundo scrub, and 0.37 acre of southern cottonwood willow riparian forest. Restoration of the site will result in approximately 11.85 acres of southern cottonwood willow riparian forest, 5.27 aces of southern sycamore woodland, 2.57 acres of coast live oak woodland, 1.89 acres of mulefat scrub, 11.51 acres of coast live oak woodland, and 13.18 acres of Diegan coastal sage scrub on the approximately 49-acre property.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 14, 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 **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 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 not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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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.

Signature: Signed by: Glen Lubcke AD7D070BCB66466... *Date:* 11/14/2025

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Date Received for filing at LCI: