

Notice of Determination

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

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From:

Department of Fish and Wildlife

South Coast Region 5

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2014111066

Project Title: East County Sand Mine (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-41731-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The East County Sand Mine (Project) is located within Slaughterhouse Creek, the Anderson channel, and San Vicente Creek, east of State Route 67, west of Vigilante Road and Moreno Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Lakeside, in the County of San Diego, State of California; Latitude 32.900725, Longitude -116.934256; 12101 State Route 67, Lakeside, CA 92040; Assessor's Parcel Number [APN] 375-100-24, 375-100-43, and portions of 375-041-50 and 375-100-29, -47 and -45.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-41731-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, Robert Turner, East County Sand Mine, LLC.

The East County Sand Mine project would mine approximately 674,000 cubic yards (CY) of sand and topsoil from the site and implement the required mine reclamation plan. Sand mining would occur primarily in a set of deep pits on 17.87 acres, to a depth of 415 feet above mean sea level, while topsoil mining would occur on the upper four feet of the sand mining pits and the remainder of the 27.58-acre Major Use Permit (MUP) area. The entire MUP would be impacted by mining and the required mine reclamation. Project impacts can be divided into two categories, as shown on the "Overall Extraction Plan" in the project impact figures: sand mine impacts in the deep pits and topsoil mining and reclamation impacts outside the sand mine pits. Approximately 677,400 CY of clean and inert soil, rock, and concrete would be imported and recycled for use as on-site fill and channel rip-rap and for sale. Reclamation will include creation of new Slaughterhouse Creek and San Vicente Creek channels capable of carrying 100-year storm flows, and expansion of the existing Anderson channel to increase its capacity. These new channels downstream of the confluence with Slaughterhouse Creek will also be used for County wetland habitat mitigation, CDFW riparian/streambed mitigation, and Waters of the State mitigation. An open space easement will be placed over the portions of Slaughterhouse Creek and San Vicente Creek that will be used as mitigation.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November 5, 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** 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.

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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.

Signed by:

Glen Lubcke

11/5/2025

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Glen M. Lubcke, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: