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Notice of Determination

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Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2006081143

Project Title: Invasive Non-Native Plant Control (*Arundo donax*) Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-68608-R5)

Project Location (County of San Diego): The project is located in the northern portion of the County of San Diego throughout the San Luis Rey River watershed from the Pala area to Oceanside; and also, throughout the Santa Margarita River watershed from generally the SDSU Field Station to Camp Pendleton.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SDO-68608-R5, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, the Nature Collective, Department of Public Works, as represented by Bradley Nussbaum.

The project is limited to impacts from routinely treating Arundo resprouts at various locations throughout the San Luis Rey and Santa Margarita River Watersheds within San Diego County. All the re-treatment points would amount to 1 to 2 acres of Arundo to be removed throughout the 5,000 to 8,000 acres of habitat within the project area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on October 27, 2026 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.

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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.

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: DocuSigned by: Melanie Burlaza 3D01B6DE84234FE... *Date:* 10/29/2026

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Date Received for filing at LCI: