## **Notice of Determination**

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

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**Project Title:** Avenida Encinas Channel Maintenance Project-2023 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-45538-R5)

**Project Location (San Diego County):** The project site is located west of southbound Interstate 5 at 5600 Avenida Encinas, between Palomar Airport Road and Cannon Road in the City of Carlsbad; Coordinates 33.12805, -117.32629.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-45538-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, California Department of Transportation. The project is limited to clearing vegetation and sediment from a double box culvert/channel to restore the original outfall elevations and longitudinal slope, allowing the channel to convey water at full capacity.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 8, 2024 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 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.
- 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 <u>:</u>	Heather A. Pert	7/8/2024 Date <u>:</u>
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