

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2017071022

Project Title: Municipal Waterways Maintenance Plan: El Cuervo del Sur Phase II Mitigation Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-42665-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The El Cuervo del Sur Phase II Wetland Mitigation Project is located on the Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve, Assessor's Parcel Number: 310-051-06-00, north of Sorrento Valley Boulevard and east of Vista Sorrento Parkway and Interstate 5.


Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SDO-46225-R5, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of San Diego.

The project involves the grading of approximately 1.65 acres to create conditions favorable for long-term wetland habitat. Drainage swales will be created to direct existing drainages into the project site. In addition, riparian vegetation will be installed near the created channels with transitional scrub being planted further away. Vegetation will be monitored, and the City of San Diego will create mitigation credits for use on future projects.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 23, 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 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:  Date: 7/23/2025
Victoria Tang, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: