

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015041091

Project Title: Lake Wohlford Dam Replacement Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SDO-25082-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The project is located at Escondido Creek and Lake Wohlford, in unincorporated San Diego County, State of California; Latitude 33.16720, Longitude -117.00540; Assessor's Parcel Number 190-110-15-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-25082-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, City of Escondido.

The project entails constructing a replacement dam immediately downstream (west) of the existing dam and partially deconstructing the existing dam by removing hydraulic fill material. A new outlet tower would be constructed on the upstream side of the dam, built as a cast-in-place, reinforced concrete structure anchored to the dam's face and extending to the dam crest at elevation of 1,490 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The outlet tower would be connected to the proposed dam's downstream emergency release valve and appurtenances located on the south side of the new stilling basin and spillway.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on July 25, 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.

Signed by: Glen Lubcke Date: 7/25/2025
Glen Lubcke, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____