

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2016041034

Project Title: Keys Creek Flood Control Channel Long Term Maintenance Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-65536-R5)

Project Location (County of San Diego): The project is located at Keys Creek, a tributary to San Luis Rey River, in the County of San Diego, State of California; Latitude 33.32389, Longitude -117.15722; U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute map Bonsall quadrangle, Section 12, Township 10 south, Range 3 west, San Bernardino meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 125-100-28-00.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS-SDO-65536-R5, pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, County of San Diego, Department of Public Works, as represented by Masha Landau.

The Project is limited to impacts to Keys Creek associated with the routine maintenance of the 4.44-acre Project area. Up to 0.51 acre will be routinely impacted during Tier 1 maintenance activities through the removal of sediment from the existing concrete low-flow channel and the cutting of vegetation down to 18 inches adjacent to the existing concrete low-flow channel. No more than 2.23 acres of southern willow scrub and/or freshwater marsh will be impacted due to sediment removal and vegetation flattening described in Tiers 2 through 5 within the 4.44-acre Project area.

Any temporarily impacted areas shall be restored to pre-activity elevations and contours. In the event that maintenance activities described as Tier 2, Tier 3, Tier 4, or Tier 5 are deemed necessary, Permittee shall mitigate for impacts through the creation, restoration, and/or enhancement of like habitat.

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This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 12, 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.
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:

Signed by:

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Date: 6/24/2026

Glen M. Lubcke
 Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: