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## 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:** 1998101061

**Project Title:** Phased Capital Improvements at Lower Mission Creek (California Endangered Species Act Incidental Take Permit No. 2081-2024-003-05A1 (ITP))

**Project Location (Santa Barbara County):** The Phased Capital Improvements at Lower Mission Creek (Project) is located within the lower watershed of Mission Creek within the City of Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County. The Project is located on Mission Creek between Gutierrez Street and Canon Perdido Street bridges.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has issued an amended ITP (No. 2081(b)-2024-003-05A1), pursuant to Section 2081(b) of the Fish and Game Code to the Santa Barbara County Public Works Department (Permittee).

The Project involves a series of flood control improvements from Canon Perdido Street Bridge downstream to the Gutierrez Street Bridge. Project activities include re-grading the bed slope, vegetation removal, removal of old in-stream structures, bank armoring, diversion and

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dewatering activities, and installing riparian habitat zones above the vertical concrete wall outside of the channel and within the banks of the vertical concrete walls. The Project would increase the channel capacity to 3,400 cubic feet per second (cfs) and would provide approximately a 20-year level of flood protection.

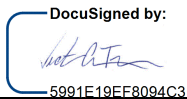
The Project will result in impacts to 2,600 linear feet of southern California steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) habitat. The project is expected to result in incidental take of southern California steelhead, which is/are designated as an endangered species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). The amended ITP referenced above as issued by CDFW authorizes incidental take of species listed under CESA that may occur as a result of Project implementation. On August 17, 2026, CDFW issued an amended ITP for the Project. Changes included in the amendment allow for Permittee to modify or secure in place water diversions or dewatering systems when precipitation is predicted, if done in accordance with a CDFW-approved diversion or dewatering plan and modify some language throughout the ITP for clarification purposes.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on August 17, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

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. An environmental impact report **was** prepared by the lead agency for the original project.
3. Additional 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 Public Resources Code § 21081(a).
7. Compliance with the environmental filing fee requirement at Fish and Game Code § 711.4: **A copy of a receipt showing prior payment was submitted to CDFW.**

The environmental impact report prepared by the City of Santa Barbara for the Project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the City of Santa Barbara. CDFW's administrative record of proceedings related to the amended incidental take permit is available to the public for review at CDFW's regional office.

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8/17/2026

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