

Notice of Determination

To:

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012121063

Project Title: City of Escondido Channel Maintenance Activities Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-63424-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The Project will occur within a total of 63,869 linear feet of stream located at 87 flood control and drainage facilities in Escondido Creek, San Diego Aqueduct, Vista Canal, San Bernardo Valley, and San Marcos Creek, and tributaries thereto, in the City of Escondido, County of San Diego, State of California; U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map San Marcos, Valley Center, and Escondido quadrangles; Calwater 4904.520000, 4904.620000; and, 4905.210000.

The maintenance facilities occur in urban and suburban areas and consist of concrete or earthen channels, basins, culverts, and associated inlet and outlet structures. The locations of the facilities are included in Exhibit B.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SDO-63424-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602 to the City of Escondido.

The Project is limited to the routine maintenance of the stormwater and flood control facilities. Project activities include: dredging and excavating concrete and earthen channels and basins, clearing culverts and associated inlet and outlet structures, repairing existing concrete or riprap, temporary dewatering, water diversions, vegetation clearing and trimming, and clearing and grading access roads. At maintenance sites with natural, earthen bottom channels and native vegetation, vegetation management will be limited to trimming understory vegetation to maintain the minimum area needed to preserve low-flow channel function.

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Maintenance activities are conducted on an annual or biannual basis as City staff and budget allocations allow at each location. Maintenance activities are generally completed during the daytime and within two to five days, with some requiring up to days.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on May/14/2025 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 **Supplemental Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)** 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 Final Supplemental MND 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:
Glen M. Lubcke, Environmental Program Manager
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Date: 5/14/2026

Date Received for filing at LCI: