

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021020242

Project Title: Rancho Cañada de Pala Preserve Initial Site Improvements Project (Project) (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCL-57160-R3)

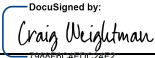
Project Location (Santa Clara County): The project is located at three sites along Upper Penitencia Creek and two unnamed tributaries, and three sites on unnamed tributaries to Arroyo Hondo. Latitude 37.39841, Longitude -121.73812; Latitude 37.40846, Longitude -121.73378; Latitude 37.41732, Longitude -121.73863; Latitude 37.41406, Longitude -121.74686; Latitude 37.40517, Longitude -121.71900; Latitude 37.40985, Longitude -121.71890.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCL-57160-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, John Bourgeois/Santa Clara Valley Water District. The Project will involve stabilizing six stream crossings by removing undersized culverts and replacing them with low stream crossings, placing rock slope protection, and/or replacing timber retaining walls.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 4/21/2025 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 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 not 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:  Date: 4/21/2025
Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____