

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2022070006

Project Title: San Jose Creek Multipurpose Path Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SBA-41011-R5)

Project Location (Santa Barbara): San Jose Creek, Calle Real to Atascadero Creek, City of Goleta, Santa Barbara County.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has amended Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SBA-41011-R5), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, City of Goleta.

The Project is the construction of a section of a multipurpose path along San Jose Creek in the City of Goleta that will eventually connect two existing multipurpose paths to create one continuous one. It will run generally from the terminus of an existing multipurpose path at Goleta Slough in the south to the terminus of an existing multipurpose path in the north just north of where San Jose Creek crosses underneath United States Route 101. For construction purposes, the path is split into two segments, northern and southern. Both the northern and southern segments of the Project take place within the limits of the stream; however, most Project activities are taking place along the top of the bank with no activities within the bed of the stream. The northern segment will consist of a paved multipurpose path approximately 2,400 feet in length ranging from 10 feet to 14 feet in width, including shoulder widths. The maximum excavation depth will be approximately 3.5 feet. The southern segment of the Project will consist of a paved multipurpose path approximately 1 mile in length ranging from 8 to 12 feet wide including shoulder widths. It will also include a 2-foot-wide and 3-foot-tall concrete barrier with a bicycle/pedestrian rail for purposes of separating the path from SR 217. The southern segment will include the construction of a pedestrian crossing over San Jose Creek near the northern end and the construction of a pedestrian box culvert under SR 217 near the southern end both of which will not result in impacts to the stream but are included in this Agreement for reference and proximity to the stream.

This Amendment is to increase the number of trees that will be impacted from 39 to between 42-60.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 19, 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.

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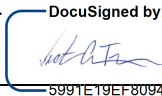
- 5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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.

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