

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024061316

Project Title: Heather Farm Park Project (Lake Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-CCA-49117-R3)

Project Location (Contra Costa County): The project is located at Heather farm Park Concrete Pond at 301 North San Carlos Drive, in the City of Walnut Creek, in the County of Contra Costa, State of California; Latitude 37.92001, Longitude -122.04279.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-CCA-49117-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, City of Walnut Creek.

The project consists of the following four components: 1) demolition of the existing Heather Farm Community Center and Clarke Aquatic Center and construction of a new Aquatic/Community Center; 2) modification to the Concrete Pond; 3) parking and other site improvements; and 4) expansion of the Nature Lake.

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

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Date: 7/14/2025

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