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Notice of Determination

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CEQA Submit

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2025051119

Project Title: Routine Maintenance Activities, Invasive Plant Removal and Encampment Abatement (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SCR-46003-R3)

Project Location (Santa Cruz County): This Agreement includes multiple project sites within the City of Santa Cruz and affects the following streams: Moore Creek, Natural Bridges, Arroyo Seco/Meder Canyon, Delaware/Bethany Creek, Bay Creek, Jordan Gulch, Lighthouse Channel, Laurel Creek, Dodero Creek, Ojas de Agua Channel, Wagner Grove Channel, Arroyo San Pedro Channel, Pogonip Creek, San Lorenzo River downstream of the Tait Street Diversion, Branciforte Creek, Pasatiempo Creek, Chrystal Gulch, Redwood Creek, Carbonera Creek, Jessie Street Marsh, Ocean Villa Creek, Pikington Creek, Arana Gulch, Dog Leg Creek, Hageman Gulch, Lombardi Creek, and Delaveaga Golf Course Irrigation Reservoir.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-SCR-46003-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, the project Applicant, City of Santa Cruz, as represented by Filipina Warren.

Routine maintenance activities authorized under this Agreement are strictly limited to specific categories, including removal of obstructions around structures and facilities; removal of sediment, debris, vegetation, and logs in channel beds; vegetation control on banks; planting of native riparian vegetation; removal of invasive vegetation; repair of hard bank stabilization structures; maintenance of culverts; burrowing rodent mitigation; installation of baffle plates; and maintenance of stormwater and wastewater infrastructure. The primary purpose of annual routine maintenance activities is to maintain adequate flood capacity and utility access, maintain existing stormwater and wastewater infrastructure, reduce fire fuel, remove non-native vegetation, and remove debris from illegal encampments.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on June 27, 2024 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 **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.

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6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The 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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Craig Weightman
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Signature: _____ *Date:* 9/30/2025

Craig J. Weightman, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: