

**Notice of Determination****Appendix D****To:**

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025110169

Project Title: Lake Drive Storm Drain and Manchester Avenue Culvert Outfall Project

Project Applicant: City of Encinitas - Ben Stryker, Senior Engineer, (760) 943-2230

Project Location (include county): City of Encinitas, County of San Diego, California

Project Description:

See attached page.

This is to advise that the City of Encinitas Planning Commission has approved the above  
 ( Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency)

described project on 5/21/26 and has made the following determinations regarding the above  
 (date)  
 described project.

1. The project [ will  will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [ were  were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ was  was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [ were  were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

City of Encinitas Development Services Department, 505 S. Vulcan Avenue Encinitas, California 92024

Signature (Public Agency): Kaipo Eager-Kaninau  Title: Associate Planner

Date: May 27, 2026 Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:** The City of Encinitas (City) proposes the Lake Drive Storm Drain and Manchester Avenue Culvert Outfall Project (project), which includes the processing of a design review permit, conditional use permit (major), and coastal development permit. The 25.32-acre Lake Drive site is located within an undeveloped canyon bounded by existing residential development to the north and east, I-5 to the west, and undeveloped open space to the south and west. The 0.14-acre Manchester Avenue site is located within City right-of-way adjacent to the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve, with residential uses to the north. The project sites are located within areas designated for residential, open space, and ecological reserve uses, and portions occur within the Multiple Habitat Conservation Program (MHCP) Focus Planning Area.

The project involves the removal and replacement of a failing storm drain system extending from Lake Drive through an undeveloped canyon west to Interstate 5 (I-5), and maintenance improvements at the Manchester Avenue outfall that conveys stormwater to the San Elijo Lagoon. The existing 48-inch corrugated metal pipe (CMP) would be replaced with approximately 1,730 linear feet of new 48-inch reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) and associated appurtenances within the same general alignment to maintain existing drainage patterns and minimize disturbance.

Project components at the Lake Drive site include installation of a new underground storm drain, construction of a permanent detention basin to reduce stormwater flow velocities, and a 25-foot-wide decomposed granite maintenance access road. The temporary high-line bypass piping currently installed under an emergency coastal development permit would be removed as part of this project. Following construction, the City will implement long-term operations and maintenance activities to ensure continued functionality of the drainage system and reduce flood risk to surrounding residences.

At the Manchester Avenue site, the project includes periodic removal of accumulated sediment from the existing culvert outfall and J-Channel to restore conveyance capacity and protect downstream habitat within the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. The Manchester Avenue site includes the existing storm drain outfall and adjacent J-Channel that convey stormwater from the upstream Lake Drive drainage system into the San Elijo Lagoon Ecological Reserve. Sediment removed during maintenance will be transported to an approved landfill or placed at a permitted beach location in coordination with the City's Sand Compatibility and Opportunistic Use Program (SCOUP).