NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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Attn: CEQA Postings
1600 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92101

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P.O. Box 3044
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FROM: Mail Stop: 029
County of San Diego,
Department of Parks and Recreation
Attn: Crystal Benham
5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270
San Diego, CA 92123

SUBJECT: FILING OF NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE SECTION 21108 OR 21152

State Clearinghouse No.: 1993121073

Project Name: Issuance of Take Authorizations for Threatened and Endangered Species Due to Urban Growth within the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Planning Area, Cactus Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Coastal Cactus Wren Project.

Project Location: Lakeside Linkage County Preserve, located north of City of El Cajon and west of Lake Jennings Reservoir, in southwestern San Diego County, California.

Project Applicant: County of San Diego

Project Description: After the City of San Diego certified the project Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement, DPR proposed implementation of the Cactus Habitat Enhancement to Benefit Coastal Cactus Wren Project (Project) at Lakeside Linkage Preserve (Preserve). The Preserve is in the MSCP Plan Area. The Project will involve selectively trimming native plants and removal of invasive non-native plants within, and adjacent to, previously restored cactus patches within a 5-acre area of the Preserve. The Project will enhance habitat for and aid in the conservation of coastal cactus wren, a MSCP covered species. Native plant species will be manually cut and removed, and invasive non-native plants will be removed using line trimmers or by hand over a 1-month period. As documented in the environmental findings for this Project, no new significant impacts will occur as result of the proposed Project.

Agency Approving Project: County of San Diego

County Contact Person: Crystal Benham Telephone: (619) 539-4155

Date Project Approved: September 12, 2025

This is to advise that the County of San Diego Director of Department of Parks and Recreation has approved the above described project on September 12, 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project ☒ will ☐ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of the CEQA.
   ☐ A Negative Declaration or Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted for this project pursuant to the provisions of the 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.

The following determinations are only required for projects with Environmental Impact Reports:
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings ☒ were ☐were not made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

Project status under Fish and Game Code Section 711.4 (Department of Fish and Game Fees):
☐ Certificate of Fee Exemption (attached)
☒ Proof of Payment of Fees (attached)

The Environmental Impact Report with any comments and responses and record of project approval may be examined at the County of San Diego, Department of Parks and Recreation, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 270, San Diego, California.

Date received for filing and posting at OPR: _____

Signature: Crystal Benham Digitally signed by Crystal Benham Date: 2025.09.16 08:24:25 -07'00' Telephone: (619) 539-4155

Name (Print): Crystal Benham Title: Chief, Resource Management Division

This notice must be filed with the Recorder/County Clerk within five working days after project approval by the decision-making body. The Recorder/County Clerk must post this notice within 24 hours of receipt and for a period of not less than 30 days. At the termination of the posting period, the Recorder/County Clerk must return this notice to the Department address listed above along with evidence of the posting period. The originating Department must then retain the returned notice for a period of not less than twelve months. Reference: CEQA Guidelines Section 15075 or 15094.