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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2002101015

Project Title: Buena Vista Creek Channel Maintenance District Project (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-SDO-60087-R5)

Project Location (San Diego County): The Project is located within Buena Vista Creek, in the cities of Carlsbad and Oceanside, County of San Diego, State of California; Latitude 33.179208, Longitude -117.340352; or Section 22, Township 11 south, Range 4 west, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map 7.5-munite map San Luis Rey quadrangle, San Bernardino meridian; Assessor's Parcel Numbers [APNs]: 15630111, 15630117, 15630205, 15630224, 15630230, 15630232, 16512056, and 16512059.

The Project is bounded by State Route 78 to the north, El Camino Real to the east, Plaza Camino Real shopping mall to the south, and Jefferson Street to the west. Specifically, the Project area is located along 11.2 acres of Buena Vista Creek between the South Vista Bridge and the Jefferson Street Bridge.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed a Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. EPIMS-SDO-60087-R5, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the City of

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The Project is limited to the hand removal of vegetation within the northern half of the channel between the upstream face of Jefferson Street Bridge, to the downstream face of South Vista Bridge. The 5.08-acre maintenance area currently supports 2.64 acres of freshwater marsh, 1.93 acres of southern willow scrub, 0.07 acre of mule fat scrub, and 0.44 acre of open water. Vegetation removal will be phased during a 10-year cycle so that vegetation in one-fifth of the northern half of the stream (two segments) will be maintained by hand every year. In addition to the 10-year cycle of vegetation removal, annual vegetation maintenance activities will occur near three storm drain outfall structures within the Project area. The Project also includes annual removal of human generated waste and non-native (exotic) vegetation within the 11.2-acre work area.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on November/6/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to Section 15096, subdivision (i) of the California Code of Regulations:

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

The Final Supplemental EIR 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.

Signature: Signed by: Glen Lubcke _____ *Date:* 11/6/2025

Glen M. Lubcke, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: