

## Notice of Determination

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**To:**

Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation  
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**From:**

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Central Region  
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**Lead Agency:**

Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
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**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2011041066

**Project Title:** Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2016-0016-R4)

**Project Location:** The Project includes an approximately 92-mile linear length of the Salinas River from River Mile 2 to River Mile 94, and two miles cumulatively from San Lorenzo Creek, Bryant Canyon Channel, and Gonzales Slough, all tributaries to the Salinas River, in Monterey County, California.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed the Amendment No. 6 and Second Restated Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (Agreement; 1600-2016-0016-R4), issued to the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County.

The Agreement includes activities related to routine Maintenance Projects with the goals of improving flood protection and increasing channel capacity of the streams. Maintenance Projects will occur within existing, enhanced, or created secondary channels within the Salinas River; within the Salinas River outside secondary channels; and within Gonzales Slough, Bryant Canyon Channel, and San Lorenzo Creek. Maintenance Projects include sediment removal and grading, vegetation removal, Arundo removal, bar ripping, and tree planting. The Amendment No. 6 and Second Restated Agreement makes changes to streamline the process related to proposing, approving, and reporting on project activities, including modifications to reporting procedures. The changes include permittee requested items in addition to CDFW updates in verbiage and for species with a change in listing/status and related changes to protective measures.

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

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The environmental impact report 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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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/18/2025  
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For: Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

Date Received for filing at LCI: \_\_\_\_\_