

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: (SCH# 2019012052)

Project Title: North Coastal San Luis Obispo County Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes (2025-09)

Project Location: North Coastal San Luis Obispo County-Cambria

Project Description: The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) is providing funding to help implement vegetation treatments on State Responsibility Area (SRA) Lands in the North Coastal San Luis Obispo County. The Upper Salina-Las Tablas Resource Conservation District has prepared a Project Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum for the North Coastal San Luis Obispo County area covered by the California Vegetation Treatment Project (CalVTP) Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on July 8, 2025, which entails implementation of vegetation treatments on up to 88,151 acres; CAL FIRE is providing funding to the San Luis Obispo County Fire Safe Council, to implement treatments on up to 1,409 acres. The proposed treatment types are fuel break and ecological restoration. The proposed treatment activities consist of mechanical treatments, manual treatments, prescribed burning, herbicide application, and prescribed herbivory. Consistent with applicable Coastal Commission requirements, no ecological restoration or fuel break treatments will occur within chaparral or coastal sage scrub in the project area. Ongoing maintenance of initial treatments would involve the same vegetation types and activities used in the initial treatment, as funding other approvals allow. Treatment types and activities included in the proposed projects are consistent with those evaluated in the CalVTP.

This is to advise that CAL FIRE (☐ Lead Agency ☒ Responsible Agency) approved the above-described project on 08/11/2026, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project will have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Program Environmental Impact Report (CalVTP Program EIR) was previously prepared (SCH# 2019012052) pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. A Project Specific Analysis (PSA) and Addendum was prepared for the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas RCD for the North Coastal San Luis Obispo County Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes (SLO-RESIL). This analysis determined the project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR and consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2).
4. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.

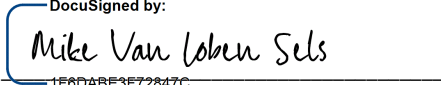
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Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and adopted for this project by CAL FIRE.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Upper Salinas-Las Tablas North Coastal San Luis Obispo County Regional Ecological Strategy for Improving Landscapes (SLO-RESIL) PSA and Addendum and record of project approval for the CalVTP Program EIR are available to the public on the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection webpage with the environmental documentation associated with individual approved CalVTP projects: <https://bof.fire.ca.gov/projects-and-programs/calvtp-homepage-and-storymap/>.

Signature: 
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Date: 8/11/2026