NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

DATE: December 16, 2004

TO: County Clerk
County of Ventura Hall of Administration
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Office of Planning and Research
1440 Tenth Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

FROM: Ventura County Watershed Protection District

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination
(In compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code)

Project Title: Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study/Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project

State Clearing House No. 2002011094
Contact Person: Jeff Pratt, Director
Telephone Number: 805-654-2040

Project Location: The project study area comprises approximately 2,000 acres along the mainstem of the Ventura River and Matilija Creek, in western Ventura County.

Project Description: The Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study identifies project components that, when implemented, would result in benefits to native fish and wildlife, improve the natural hydrological and sedimentation regime to support coastal beach sand replenishment, and provide for additional recreation opportunities. The proposed Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project activities include removal of Matilija Dam, restoration of a stream channel through the captured sediments behind the dam, temporary stabilization of these sediments, flood control levees/floodwalls, bridge replacements, recreation facility development, modification to Robles Diversion facilities, exotic plant control, and other project components.

This is to advise that on December 14, 2004 the Ventura County Watershed Protection District, as the Lead Agency, approved the above project and has made the following determination regarding the project, as approved.

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 CEQA.

☐ A Negative Declaration was prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The EIR or Negative Declaration and record of project approval may be examined at: Clerk of the Board or Ventura County Watershed Protection District.

3. Mitigation measures ☒ were ☐ were not made a condition of the approval of the project.

4. Findings ☒ were ☐ were not made pursuant to Section 15091 of State CEQA Guidelines.

5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations ☒ was ☐ was not adopted for this project.

6. A copy of the Final EIR and the record of the project approval may be examined at the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, 4th Floor, Hall of Administration, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California, 93009.

Prepared by:
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Approved by:
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