

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

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

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2012101007

Project Title: Rice Creek Realignment and Restoration

Project Applicant: Ojai Valley Land Conservancy

Project Location (include county): Ventura River Preserve, Ojai, Ventura County

Project Description:

This project will re-route Rice Creek, an ephemeral tributary of the Ventura River, from a man-made diversion ditch and back into its historic route. In the 1920's, Rice Creek was diverted from its historic route to facilitate the installation of an orange orchard. The diverted stream was substantially shortened, confined by levees, and discharged over a 30 foot cliff into the Ventura River floodplain. The orange orchard has been retired and partially removed. Replacing the stream to its historic route will re-wet 2,900 feet of the historic channel. Revegetation will enhance and expand riparian habitats for the benefit of birds and wildlife. Rice Creek is a seasonal drainage and will

This is to advise that the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board has approved the above (X) Lead Agency or () Responsible Agency

described project on December 5, 2012 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project. (date)

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [] An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. [X] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [X] were [] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles/water_issues/programs/401_water_quality_certification/RiceCreek/index.rtf

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Chief Standards and TMDL Unit

Date: December 11, 2012 Date Received for filing at OPR: