

**CALIFORNIA DEPARTEMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE ADOPTION OF AN  
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND  
MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM**

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), as lead agency, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (CEQA), is hereby adopting the Initial Study, Final Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for Southern California Edison's Mission Canyon Stream Habitat Restoration Project (Project), in Santa Barbara County, California.

The Project is to restore areas impacted by unpermitted 2019 discharge of sidecast material into Mission Creek and adjacent upland areas by Southern California Edison. The Project includes removal of all recoverable sidecast material, restoration of stream flows, stabilization of the creek bank, repair of habitat features such as pools within the stream bed, remediation of impacts to trees and sensitive plants, berm stabilization, and restoration of impacted woodland/forest and chaparral habitats.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that implementation of the Project could result in significant effects to the environment and identified mitigation measures that would reduce those effects to a less-than-significant level.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration was made available to the public on February 6, 2024, for a 44-day public review period under CEQA.


CDFW prepared a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration that included revisions in response to comments received during the 44-day public review process, as appropriate, and also prepared a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to ensure compliance with the mitigation measures identified and proposed in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

CDFW makes the following findings: (1) it has independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and other information in the record and has considered the information contained herein, prior to acting upon or approving the proposed Project; (2) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the proposed Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and consistent with state and local guidelines implementing CEQA; and (3) the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration represents the independent judgment and analysis of CDFW as lead agency for the proposed Project. Further, the documents and other materials that constitute the record on which the project approval are based are located at the CDFW, South Coast Region, 3883 Ruffin Road, San Diego, California 92123. The custodian for these documents is the CDFW.

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