Notice of Determination

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FROM:

Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response 1700 K Street, Suite 250 Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT:

Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance California Public Resources Code Section 21108 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15094

Project Title Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP), Final Restoration Plan Programmatic EIS/EIR State Clearinghouse Number (If submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2002031095 Contact Person Area Code Phone Extension Lisa Wolfe (916) 327-9952

Project Location

Coastal regions of Southern California, the Channel Islands, and the greater Southern California Bight including Baja California Pacific Islands

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project

The MSRP Final Restoration Plan Programmatic EIR/EIS describes a course of action to address the restoration of natural resources injured by past releases of DDTs and PCBs into Southern California coastal waters. The restoration actions address fish/fishing, seabirds, eagles and peregrine falcons over a broad geographic area including most of the Southern California Bight. The restoration actions are:

- Construct artificial reefs and fishing access improvements;*
- Provide public information to restore lost fishing services;
- Restore full tidal exchange wetlands;*
- Augment funds for implementing Marine Protected Areas in CA:
- Complete the NCI Bald Eagle Feasibility Study before deciding on further bald eagle restoration actions;*
- Monitor the recovery of peregrine falcons on the Channel islands;
- Restore seabirds to San Miguel Island*
- Restore seabirds to San Nicolas Island*
- Restore seabirds to Scorpion and Orizaba Rocks
- Restore seabirds to Baja CA Pacific Islands (Coronado and Todos Santos Islands, Guadalupe Island, San Jeronimo and San Martin Islands, San Benitos Islands, Asuncion and San Roque Islands, and Natividad Island); and
- Restore alcids to Santa Barbara Island.
- These restoration actions require further detailed development and subsequent NEPA and/or CEQA analysis prior to implementation.

This is to advise that the Department of Fish and Game, Office of Spill Prevention and Response has approved the above-described project on March 21, 2006 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- The project 1. will have a significant effect on the environment. $\bar{\mathbf{X}}$ will not have a significant effect on the environment
 - X A Restoration Plan - Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report for the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program was prepared and certified pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- Mitigation measures \square were, \mathbf{X} were not, made a condition of the approval of the project. 2.
- 3. Findings □ were, **X** were not, made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.
- A statement of Overriding considerations \(\subseteq \text{ was not, adopted for this project.} \) 4.

The final Montrose Settlements Restoration Program (MSRP), Restoration Plan EIS/EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the general public by contacting: Montrose Settlement Restoration Program, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4470, Long Beach, CA, 90802, 562-980-3236, or by email at msrp@noaa.gov or on the internet at www.montroserestoration.gov.

Date Received for filing and posting at OPR: MARCH 24, 2006

Office of Spill Prevention and Response

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