

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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NOD for the Santa Clara Valley Water District Stream Maintenance Program Update Subsequent EIR

Subject:

*Filing of Notice of determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.*

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<b>Project Title:</b> Santa Clara Valley Water District Stream Maintenance Program Update Subsequent EIR (SEIR)		
<b>Project Location:</b> Santa Clara County (county-wide)		
<b>Project Description:</b> <p>The Santa Clara Valley Water District's (District) Stream Maintenance Program (SMP) is an ongoing program that guides routine maintenance activities in County flood control channels, creeks, and canals. Primary maintenance activities include sediment removal, vegetation management, bank stabilization, management of animal conflicts, and minor maintenance activities on District property and easements in flood control channels, streams, canals, levees and adjacent property. The program forecasts and manages maintenance work, tracks costs, monitors environmental conditions, and provides habitat mitigation.</p> <p>The current 2012 SMP Update process included developing this SEIR and a revised SMP Program Manual to replace the original SMP EIR and Program Manual that were developed for the program inception in 2002. The 2012 SMP Update process also includes revising and renewing long-term programmatic permits with regulatory agencies that authorize approvals for the maintenance work. The SEIR for the SMP Update is intended to cover an indefinite time horizon. For the purposes of regulatory permitting, the SEIR is intended to support the 10-year planning period beginning in 2012 and ending in 2022.</p> <p>In terms of activities and work locations, the current SMP Update is generally a continuation of past routine channel, creek, and canal maintenance activities in most of the same areas, using many of the same techniques. However, there are some new work areas and new work activities included in the update that are described in the SEIR. The SMP Update process also included a thorough review of the SMP's mitigation program and a revision of that program to better address District needs while satisfying all regulatory requirements.</p>		

This is to advise that the Santa Clara Valley Water District has approved the above described project on February 14, 2012, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project  will,  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.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures  were,  were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations  was,  was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings  were,  were not made pursuant to the provision of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

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Date Received for Filing and Posting at OPR:

Signature (Public Agency): 	Beau Goldie Chief Executive Officer	Title: Chief Executive Officer	Date: 2/14/12
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