



# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

DATE: March 12, 2019

TO:  County Clerk  
 County of Ventura  
 800 South Victoria Avenue, L#1740  
 Ventura, CA 93009

Office of Planning and Research  
 1440 Tenth Street, Room 121  
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FROM: Ventura County Watershed Protection District

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

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Project Title: Approval of Minor Changes to, and Design Details for, the Santa Ana Boulevard Bridge Replacement Component of the previously approved Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project

Contact Person: Glenn Shephard, District Director      State Clearing House No. 2002011094  
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Project Location: The Santa Ana Boulevard Bridge over the Ventura River is located west of SR 33 and east of Riverside Drive in the community of Oak View in unincorporated Ventura County. The project is located north of the City of Ventura and south of the City of Ojai.

Project Description: As Lead Agency, the Ventura County Watershed Protection District (District) prepared an environmental impact report for the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project (referred to herein as the "approved project"). The District proposed the multi-component project comprising improvements to or new construction of two bridges, three levees, water infrastructure, habitat restoration, recreation facilities, and lastly, Matilija Dam removal. Each of the components was described in general for the analyses, since final detailed designs had not yet been completed. The Ventura County Board of Supervisors certified the EIR (State Clearinghouse No. 2002011094) and approved the Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project on Dec. 14, 2004.

Project Component Description: Minor changes to and final detailed designs for the Santa Ana Boulevard Bridge component were completed in 2016. The EIR Addendum describes the proposed minor changes and detailed project component design in Section 3.2 as a 350-foot-long, three-span cast-in-place or pre-stressed concrete box girder on a new upstream alignment. This new bridge eliminates current and future concerns with increased sediment transport (which will occur with or without Matilija Dam removal) while enhancing endangered steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) migration through the reach. The new bridge would also provide unimpeded traffic access across the Ventura River, add a sidewalk (north side) and 4-foot wide shoulders adjacent to both travel lanes, and addresses the existing bridge's seismic compliance concerns, and has a six months shorter construction period than the conceptual level project component described in the 2004 FEIS/FEIR.

1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The previously approved Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The approved project component minor changes and detailed design are not substantial and will NOT have any new or substantially more severe significant effects on the environment. No new information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known at the time the EIR was certified, has been discovered which would result in new significant effects, substantial increases in the severity of previously identified significant effects, or changes in mitigation measures. No substantial changes with respect to the circumstances of the river system exist that require major revisions to the prior environmental impact report's analysis.
2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Environmental Impact Report was previously prepared and certified for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA, and an EIR Addendum was subsequently prepared and approved, and both the EIR and Addendum reflect the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.
3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were made conditions of the previously approved Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project, including its Santa Ana Boulevard Bridge Replacement Component.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were NOT made conditions of the approval of this project component minor changes and detailed design.
4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was adopted for the previously approved Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project, including its Santa Ana Boulevard Bridge Replacement Component.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Mitigation Monitoring or Reporting Plan was NOT adopted for the approval of this project component minor changes and detailed design.
5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for the previously approved Matilija Dam Ecosystem Restoration Project, including its Santa Ana Boulevard Bridge Replacement Component.
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was NOT adopted for the approval of this project component minor changes and detailed design.
6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings that no subsequent or supplemental EIR was necessary were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
	<input type="checkbox"/>	Findings were NOT made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Addendum to the Final EIR (SCH No. 2002011094), the Final EIS/EIR and the record of the Project and Project Component are available to the General Public at:

800 South Victoria Avenue  
 Ventura, CA 93009-1610  
 or <https://www.vcpbublicworks.org/> and <http://matilijadam.org/>

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Approved by:

  
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