Notice of Determination

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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination
in Compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resource Code.

State Clearinghouse Number: 2019012052
Project Title: Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve Vegetation Treatment Project
Project Location: Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve, Santa Clara County

Project Description: The Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) proposes to implement vegetation treatments and maintenance treatments on 214.4 acres of land, the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve Vegetation Treatment Project (Project) within the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve in Santa Clara County. Midpen has prepared a Project-Specific Analysis (PSA) to evaluate if the project is within the scope of the Program EIR for the California Vegetation Treatment Program (CalVTP) and provide environmental information to Midpen. The treatment type, including maintenance treatments, would include ecological restoration treatments. Treatment activities that would be used to implement the treatments, including maintenance treatments, include mechanical and manual treatments. The Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve Vegetation Treatment Project PSA was prepared for the project as a later activity covered by the CalVTP Program EIR.

This Notice of Determination is to advise that Midpen (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency) has approved the above-described project on April 28, 2021 and has made the following determinations related to the PSA:

1. The Project will have a potentially significant effect on the environment.
2. Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve Vegetation Treatment Project PSA (SCH# 2019012052) was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. The CalVTP Program EIR sufficiently analyzes and addresses potential environmental impacts from the project, and the project will not trigger any of the criteria requiring additional CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. The project will not result in new significant impacts or a substantial increase in the severity of the significant environmental impacts identified in the CalVTP Program EIR. The proposed project is within the scope of the CalVTP Program EIR consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15168(c)(2), as documented in the PSA.
4. Mitigation measures and standard project requirements from the CalVTP Program EIR were made a condition of the approval of the project; no new project-specific mitigation measures are required.
5. The implementation of applicable CalVTP Program EIR mitigation measures and standard project requirements will be monitored and reported pursuant to the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program that was adopted for this project.
6. The previous statement of overriding considerations in the CalVTP Program EIR was reaffirmed and Midpen prepared and adopted a statement of overriding considerations for this project.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of State CEQA Guidelines Section 15091.

This is to certify that the Bear Creek Redwoods Open Space Preserve Vegetation Treatment Project PSA and record of project approval are available to the general public. The custodian of these documents is Coty Sifuentes-Winter, Senior Resource Management Specialist. Please contact Coty Sifuentes-Winter at csifuentes@openspace.org or (650) 691-1200 x 560 to arrange document viewing.

Signature:  
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Date: April 30, 2021

Dated Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code.