# Notice of Determination

TO: State of California
Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Fish and Game
Office of Spill Prevention and Response
1700 K Street, Suite 250
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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

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***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.

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* 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:

1. The project ☐ will have a significant effect on the environment.
   **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.

2. Mitigation measures ☐ were, **X** were not, made a condition of the approval of the project.

3. Findings ☐ were, **X** were not, made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

4. A statement of Overriding considerations ☐ was, **X** was not, adopted for this project.

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:

| Lisa V. Wolfe | Office of Spill Prevention and Response | Staff Counsel |
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| **Signature: Lisa V. Wolfe** | **Public Agency** | **Title** |