

Notice of Determination

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From:
Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2008052009

Project Title: Water Quality Certification Amendment Related to Conditions 1.K. and 5.H. for the Upper American River Hydroelectric Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utilities District

Project Location (include county): Unincorporated El Dorado County, California

Project Description: The Sacramento Municipal Utilities District (SMUD) proposes to modify the operation of the Upper American River Hydroelectric Project (UARP), as described and analyzed in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Final California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Supplement, by amending Condition 1.K. (Minimum Instream Flows, South Fork American River below Slab Creek Reservoir Dam) and Condition 5.H. (Reservoir Levels, Interim Modifications) of the UARP water quality certification. Proposed amendments to Condition 1.K. will postpone implementation of increased minimum instream flows in the South Fork American River below Slab Creek Reservoir Dam while necessary facility modifications are completed. Proposed amendments to Condition 5.H. will expand the basis for temporary reservoir level modification to include maintenance and construction activities upon receipt of Deputy Director approval.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved the above ([] Lead Agency or [X] Responsible Agency)

described project on 4/27/18 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project. (date)

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [] An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) 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.
[X] An Addendum to a previously-certified CEQA Supplement was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [] were [X] were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] were [] were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Addendum to the Final CEQA Supplemental Analysis to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission/United States Forest Service Final EIS for Hydropower License is available to the General Public at: State Water Resources Control Board, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Signature (Public Agency): Ann Marie Orell Title: Environmental Program Manager

Date: 4/27/18 Date Received for Filing and OPP: Sacramento Office of Planning and Research

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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