

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2015082021

Project Title: West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0263-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Chambers Landing Beach at Lake Tahoe and McKinney Creek, in the County of Placer, State of California; in the southeast quarter of Section 7, Township 14N, Range 17E, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map 'Homewood', Mt. Diablo base and meridian; Assessor's Parcel Number 098-330-001.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0263-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, the Tahoe City Public Utility District.

The project is limited to the construction and operation of the West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant to replace the Seasonal Water Treatment Plant (WTP) at Chambers Landing for the purpose of providing a year-round reliable water source for the west shore communities of Lake Tahoe. Project components include the following:

- Three submersible pumps with a total combined flow capacity of 650 gallons per minute will be installed at the existing Chambers Landing lake intake facility to replace the pumps currently located in a pump vault on the Chambers Landing Beach. The submersible pumps will be fastened to concrete anchor blocks, which will cover approximately 376 square feet of lake bottom.
- A new 10-inch diameter raw water intake pipe will be installed to replace the existing 6-inch diameter pipe along with a new power cable/conduit to supply the submersible pumps. The new 10-inch pipe will replace approximately 130 feet of 6-inch pipe from the high-water level lakeward, where it will be coupled to an existing 8-inch pipe. This will be accomplished by trenching within the existing raw water pipe alignment/easement on Chambers Landing Beach, resulting in approximately 83 cubic yards of temporary disturbance. The site will be restored to pre-activity conditions following installation of the pipe.
- The approximately 250 square foot existing lake intake pump vault on Chambers Landing Beach. Clean sand will be imported to the site for restoration to natural beach.
- A new Lake Intake Pump Station building will be constructed at the existing Seasonal WTP and McKinney Sewer Pump Station site to house the motor control center, supervisory control and

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data acquisition system, emergency generator, and partial pre-chlorination feed pump. The new building will enclose intake pump controls and chemical feed tanks currently located outdoors in the McKinney Creek 100-year floodplain. Construction of the new Lake Intake Pump Station will keep the existing footprint and grade of the Seasonal WTP, requiring minimal excavation. Improvements will require 180 square feet of additional coverage on previously disturbed areas.

- The current Seasonal WTP will be decommissioned and removed, retaining the existing McKinney Sewer Pump Station building. Previously disturbed areas will be revegetated with native seed.
- A new year-round WTP will be constructed on an undeveloped upland parcel located across SR-89 from Chambers Landing.

The West Lake Tahoe Regional Water Treatment Plant will divert 547 acre-feet of water per year from Lake Tahoe, at an average rate of 1.55 cubic feet per second.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the above described project on 04/21/2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were / were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was / was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The mitigated negative declaration / negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of project approval as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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 Signature: _____ Date: 4/23/2020
 Jeff Drongesen, Environmental Program Manager

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