

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number:

Project Title: Upper American River Project, Roadway Improvement Project Phase I (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0024-R2)

Project Location: The project activities are located at multiple unnamed tributaries to Silver Creek at the Union Valley and Ice House Reservoirs, in the County of El Dorado, State of California. Coordinates for each specific location are as follows:

Project	Name	Latitude	Longitude
1	Ice House Road Culvert – IH-11	38.819871	-120.319892
2	Union Valley Road Culvert – UV-05	38.877197	-120.442772
3	Union Valley Road Culvert – UV-09	38.883354	-120.438104
4	Union Valley Road Culvert – UV-13	38.889349	-120.422339
5	Union Valley Road Culvert – UV-15	38.890729	-120.416375
6	Union Valley Road Culvert – UV-16	38.890536	-120.441901

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0024-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), as represented by Tim Talbert.

The project is limited to the activities associated with replacing six existing culverts, including grading, excavating, removing old pipes, installing new pipes, installing rip-rap and erosion-control geotextile fabric, and (if necessary) water diversion.

At each location, the old culvert will be excavated and removed using a backhoe or similar equipment. The bed for the new culvert will be prepared and it will be lowered into place. The soil around the culvert will be compacted and the roadbed re-established. Revegetation at each culvert location will consist of seeding for erosion control. A combination of rip-rap and erosion control geotextile fabric will be used to protect the culverts and road from erosion in high flow events.

If water is present, then it will be impounded using a bladder dam or bags of clean gravel or sand and plastic sheeting placed across the channel. Water will then be pumped around the work site(s) using 4" or larger flexible plastic tubing or equivalent.

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

1. The project ☐ will / ☒ 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 environmental impact report 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 / ☒ was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings ☒ were / ☐ were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The final environmental impact report 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.

Signature: Jeff Drongesen Date: 5/9/19
 Jeff Drongesen, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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