

PUBLIC NOTICE

**Notice of Availability
Draft Final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No
Significant Impact for Fish Passage
and Habitat Improvements to Dry Creek, Yuba and Nevada
Counties, California**

AND

**Notice of Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's
Intent to Rely on Federal Documents In Lieu of Mitigated
Negative Declaration**

Fish Passage and Habitat Improvements to Dry Creek – An Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared for 1) removal of Beale Lake Dam on Beale Air Force Base; 2) removal of a low-flow crossing in Dry Creek downstream of Beale Air Force Base; and 3) injection of spawning-grade gravel to improve spawning habitat for anadromous salmonids upstream of Beale Air Force Base. The EA assesses known, potential, and reasonably foreseeable environmental consequences related to these activities. The analysis considered potential effects of the Preferred Alternative and the No Action Alternative on noise; air quality and greenhouse gases; land use, agriculture, recreation, and aesthetics; geologic, mineral, and soil resources; water resources; coastal zone management; biological resources; human health and safety; utilities and infrastructure; transportation and traffic; hazardous materials and wastes; socioeconomic resources, population, public services, and environmental justice; cultural and tribal cultural resources; energy resources; and wildfires.

Copies of the Draft Final EA and the proposed Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and Finding of no Practicable Alternative (FONPA) are available for review by calling Ms. Kathryn Curtis, Compliance Section Chief, at (530) 634-2642 or emailing Ms. Kirsten Christopherson, Natural Resources West Regional Support Staff, at kirsten.christopherson@us.af.mil.

Public comments on the Draft Final EA must be received no later than April 27th, 2020 and directed to Ms. Kathryn Curtis, Compliance Section Chief, at (530) 634-2642, 9 CES/CEIE, 6425 B Street Bldg. 25390, Beale AFB, CA 95903-1708 or emailed to Kirsten Christopherson, Natural Resources West Regional Support Staff, at kirsten.christopherson@us.af.mil.

Pursuant to the California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections 15220 and following, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to rely on the FONSI in the place of a mitigated negative declaration and believes that the federal document meets the requirements of CEQA.