



# Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

# California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

**To:** Office of Planning and Research P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board Central Valley Region, Redding Office 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205 Redding, CA 96002

Date: 12 August 2021

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021060277

**Project Title:** Yellow Creek Watershed Restoration Project (WDID No. 5A32CR00216)

**Project Location - Specific:** The Project is located within the Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District. The project encompasses approximately four miles of Yellow Creek within the Upper Feather River Watershed in Plumas County, CA and falls within Township 27 North, Range 6 East, Sections 27, 34, and 35 Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM). The largest meadow complex within the Yellow Creek subwatershed is Humbug Valley, which is owned by both private and federal stakeholders. The Project encompasses 450 acres of federal land and includes six meadow segments, all of which drain into Humbug Valley.

Project Location - County: Plumas County

Name of Applicant:

Russell Nickerson Lassen National Forest, Almanor Ranger District 900 East Highway 36 Chester, CA 96020

## Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The primary goals of the Project are to improve the hydrologic function of the headwater meadows, springs, fens and other riparian habitats which contribute to downstream hydrologic flows and to reduce sedimentation to the downstream watersheds. The need for this project comes as a result of the 2000 Storrie Fire effects to the Yellow Creek

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subwatersheds. The fire led to an increase in erosion and sedimentation to the larger North Fork Feather River watershed, including the Yellow Creek subwatersheds and tributaries.

### Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Lead Agency, has approved the above described project on 12 August 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
- 3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
- 5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

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