**Feather River Fish Monitoring Station**

**State Clearinghouse No. 2022060721**

**Response to Comments and Errata to Finalize the Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration**





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 Acronyms

IS/MND Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

SCH State Clearinghouse

NOI notice of intent

NOC notice of completion

CEQA California Environmental Quality Act

OWA Oroville Wildlife Area

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Review of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, State Clearinghouse No. 2022060721

Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) were distributed to the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (SCH), and the appropriate resource agencies. A Notice of Intent (NOI) and Notice of Completion (NOC) were submitted to the SCH on June 30, 2022. The IS/MND and DWR’s NOI to adopt a MND were published on DWR’s Public Notice webpage on June 30, 2022. The NOI was published on the Butte County Clerk California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Notices webage on June 30, 2022. The NOI was published in the Chico Enterprise-Record and Oroville Mercury-Register on July 1, 2022. A 30-day public review period began on July 1, 2022, and ended on August 1, 2022.

1.2 Preparation of this Memorandum

No comment letters were received as of August 23, 2022. But minor changes and edits to the IS/MND have been identified as reflected in “Section 3.0, Errata.” The errata reflects minor alterations made for project improvements that would not change any of the IS/MND findings.

No substantive modifications to the project description were made based on the comments. There were also no substantial revisions to the IS/MND based on reviewers identifying new, avoidable significant effects. None of the edits contain changes or additional details that warrant the recirculation of the IS/MND because the changes do not result in any new impact not previously described and analyzed; revisions to the project do not meet the criteria for recirculation under CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5.

2.0 Response to Comments

As of August 17, 2022, no comments were received.

3.0 Errata

3.1 Changes to Initial Study

Change to the California Department of Water Resources main address should read:

715 P Street ~~1416 Ninth Street~~

Sacramento, CA 95814

Note that this address change did not affect any public noticing or NOC documents.

Changes to the Description of Project text to clarify the Project timeline.

The Project will take approximately 5 weeks to construct ~~and is scheduled to be built between~~. Out of water work can occur any time of year and in-water work will only occur March–April and July–September.

3.2 Changes to Mitigated Negative Declaration

Changes to the Project Location text reflect more accurate coordinates.

The Project is located on California Department of Fish and Wildlife property within the Oroville Wildlife Area (OWA) and is comprised of multiple components in the following locations: resistance board weir, upstream passage complex, and PIT tag antenna array (~~N 39.46098 W -121.60846~~ 39.46098° N, 121.60846°W); floodplain junction box (~~N 39.46074 W -121.60854~~39.460827° N, 121.608518° W); and fenced power and controller area (~~N 39.46003 W -121.60834~~39.46003° N, 121.60834°W).

Changes to the Project Description text to clarify the Project timeline.

This Project will take approximately 5 weeks to construct ~~and is scheduled to be built between~~. Out of water work can occur any time of year and in-water work will only occur March–April and July–September.

3.3 Changes to Introduction and Project Description

Changes to Introduction and Project Description text to reflect more accurate coordinates from Section 1.1.1 Location (page 2).

The Project is located on California Department of Fish and Wildlife property within the Oroville Wildlife Area (OWA) and is comprised of multiple components in the following locations: resistance board weir, upstream passage complex, and PIT tag antenna array (~~N 39.46098 W -121.60846~~ 39.46098° N, 121.60846°W); floodplain junction box (~~N 39.46074 W -121.60854~~39.460827° N, 121.608518° W); and fenced power and controller area (~~N 39.46003 W -121.60834~~39.46003° N, 121.60834°W).

Changes to Introduction and Project Description text to clarify the Project timeline from Section 1.2.3 Construction Schedule (page 27).

Construction of the Project ~~is anticipated to occur between May and September 2023. Active work~~ will take approximately 5 weeks. ~~and in-water work will not occur from May through June~~ Out of water work can occur any time of year and in-water work will only occur March–April and July–September. Work will occur during daylight hours from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday.

3.4 Changes to Mandatory Findings of Significance Section

Changes to text to reflect misstated title of the Feather River Salmon Habitat Improvement Project from Section 2.1.21.2 Discussion (Page 176).

Feather River Salmon Habitat Improvement Project – Approximately
5 miles from the Project Area near the Feather River Fish Hatchery between RM 66 And 67.

4.0 Final IS/MND

The Feather River Fish Monitoring Station IS/MND is finalized by incorporating the changes reflected in “Section 3, Errata” of this document to the draft IS/MND.