



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: 10 February 2023

State Clearinghouse Number:

2022060721

Project Title:

Feather River Fish Monitoring Station Project (Project) (WDID 5A04CR00352)

Project Location - Specific:

The Project is located approximately 4 miles southwest of Oroville on the Feather River at river mile (RM) 61 upstream of the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet. The nearest city is Oroville. The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.461° and Longitude: -121.608°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Name of Applicant:

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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The installation and use of a resistance board weir will allow for gathering the data necessary to answer basic life-history and abundance questions that will contribute to improved management of spring-run and fall-run Chinook salmon and steelhead in the Lower Feather River. Additionally, this information will aid decision makers in future resource management of the Feather River and Oroville Facilities.

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The Project will consist of the installation of four main components: resistance board weir, upstream passage complex, passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag antenna array, and solar power system.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 9 February 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the California Department of Water Resources.
- 2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
- 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 not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at: <u>CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov</u> (https://CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov/2022060721/2).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: <u>Central Valley</u> <u>Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page</u> (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq certs/).

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