

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2013112051

Project Title: Cal Dam Snow Making Pond Maintenance Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. 1600-2019-0110-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Heavenly Valley Creek, in the County of El Dorado, State of California; at the geographic coordinates (38.926016°, -119.91843°), (38.924762°, -119.918985°), and (38.926016°, -119.925584°).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement number 1600-2019-0110-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Heavenly Mountain Resort as represented by Mike Goar.

The project is limited to the removal of accumulated sediment within an existing snow making pond in Heavenly Valley Creek in order to increase water holding capacity. Prior to dredging, the pond will be drained such that all excavation will be completed under dry conditions. Water entering the snow making pond from Heavenly Valley Creek will be temporarily diverted around the project area through construction of a temporary diversion dam. The temporary diversion dam will be constructed by hand using plastic sheeting overlaid with 6-inch smooth round rock, gravel bags, and/or metal plates. Water from Heavenly Valley Creek, if present, will be diverted along the upper edge of the dewatered pond through approximately 460 linear feet of parallel plastic piping, 6 inches or larger in diameter, anchored with stake ties and sandbags. The temporary diversion pipe will be sloped to drain to an existing 18-inch outlet pipe near the bottom of the pond connected to the snow making pump station and the lower reach of Heavenly Valley Creek.

Once the pond is drained and the flows within Heavenly Valley Creek are temporarily diverted, the accumulated sediments will be removed by excavation, restoring the pond to the approximate dimensions that existed when it was built. The sediment removal will occur using backhoes within 200 feet of the intake area and 200 feet of the outfall structure. Up to 5,000 cubic yards of sediment will be removed. Staging areas will be on existing disturbed areas, private roads, or yards. The sediment that is removed will be transported using existing roads to fill in depressions within upland areas.

Post construction, the diversion and temporary piping will be removed, and the section of the stream where the diversion was installed will be restored to pre-construction conditions. The approximate location, topography, and capacity of the original stream will be maintained.

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
Jeff Drongesen, Environmental Program Manager

Date: 10/15/14
Governor's Office of Planning & Research

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