

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
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FROM:
State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street, 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #: 2018062071

PROJECT #: 4410010-002C

PROJECT TITLE: Newell Creek Dam Inlet/Outlet Replacement Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: In the vicinity of Highway 9 and Loc Lomond Reservoir, Santa Cruz County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project. The Project includes replacement of the existing aging inlet/outlet works in new locations at the Newell Creek Dam and Loch Lomond Reservoir and other associated improvements. Primary components would include three new inlets located within the Reservoir to control and convey flows in and out of the Reservoir, a new outlet structure with valves and controls at the toe of the dam, a new dam seepage collection and monitoring system, a new 14-foot-diameter tunnel containing 48-inch and 10-inch inlet/outlet pipelines through the right (west) dam abutment and under the dam, a new control house on the dam crest to house controls for the inlets, replacement of an approximately 2,000-linear-foot section of Newell Creek Pipeline between the outlet structure and the first isolation valve, improvements along the dam's access roads, and decommission of the existing inlet/outlet works once the replacement system is operational.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on June 9, 2020. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared and certified for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were not made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Santa Cruz

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Heidi Luckenbach

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A record of financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Environmental Impact Report is available from the Lead Agency.

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