

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.*

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH# 2018062071

Project Title: Newell Creek Dam Inlet/Outlet Replacement Project: Addendum to Certified Environmental Impact Report

Project Location: The project is located at Newell Creek Dam and Loch Lomond Reservoir, located on Newell Creek Road in the community of Ben Lomond in Santa Cruz County. Parcel number: 076-251-24.

Project Description: The proposed Project modifications consist of a change to the maximum discharge rate of the outlet structure with a control to be installed on the new outlet discharge sleeve valve to provide a revised maximum emergency release rate of 203 cubic feet per second (cfs). This represents an increase of approximately 39 cfs above the maximum emergency release rate of 164 cfs that was evaluated in the EIR. The change is necessary to allow the valve to initially facilitate releases greater than the required emergency release in order for the facility to continue to meet drawdown requirements even with some anticipated diminished capacity as the facility ages.



THIS NOTICE HAS BEEN POSTED AT THE CLERK
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OFFICE FOR A
PERIOD COMMENCING 7/1/2021
AND ENDING 7/31/2021

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This is to advise that on June 28, 2021, the City of Santa Cruz City staff determined to proceed with proposed modifications to the Newell Creek Dam Inlet/Outlet Replacement Project and considered the Environmental Impact Report Addendum along with the certified Environmental Impact Report prior to making a decision on the project. The Addendum was made available for agency and public review on CEQAnet for a 14 day public review period from June 10, 2021 through June 24, 2021. No agency or public comments were received on the Addendum during this review. The Addendum describes the changes to the project and documents that the changes represent minor modifications to a project that has already undergone environmental review and none of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 that call for preparation of a subsequent EIR or Negative Declaration have occurred.

Furthermore:

- The project modifications will not have a significant effect on the environment;
- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA;
- An Addendum was prepared documenting that none of the conditions described in Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a Subsequent Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration have occurred;
- Mitigation measures were made a condition of original project approval;
- A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project;
- A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project; and
- Findings were made pursuant to CEQA.

This is to certify that the certified environmental Impact Report, Addendum, and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

<https://www.cityofsantacruz.com/government/city-departments/water/online-reports/environmental-documents>

Signature: Michael Luckenbach Title: Deputy Director/Engineering Manager

Date: July 1, 2021

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

