

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2008052009

Project Title: Upper American River Culvert System Upsizing/Culvert (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS No. ELD-32536-R2).

Project Location (include county): The project is located at an unnamed tributary to South Fork American River, in the County of El Dorado, State of California; Latitude 38.80288, Longitude -120.601658; Assessor's Parcel Number: 101-020-017-000.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS No. ELD-32536-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

The project is limited to the replacement and relocation of Culvert 1045. The stream flow upstream and downstream of the culvert will be diverted prior to construction through use of temporary diversion piping. The water diversion will consist of the installation of gravel bag berms and a stream-bypass pump and pipe system approximately 5 feet upstream of the culvert improvements to prevent stream flow from entering the work area. A portion of the existing rock embankment on the upslope side of the road will be broken up and several shrubs and small hardwood snags will be removed to allow for the road widening. The rock will be pre-drilled and then removed using hammers mounted on excavators. If necessary, non-explosive (expanding) demolition grout may also be used. Up to approximately 40 linear feet of the road will be widened by up to 10 feet. The surface of the road will be dirt. Approximately 14 cubic yards (34 linear feet) of rock slope protection will be placed along the downslope side of the road. Rock removed from the embankment will be used whenever possible. The new culvert will then be installed within the road prism approximately 50 feet to the west of the existing culvert location. The new culvert will include a corrugated metal pipe (CMP) down drain dissipator with a rock dissipater at the outflow. The existing culvert will be removed and the existing road over the culvert will be regraded. A native soil drainage ditch of 40 linear feet will be constructed along the edge of the widened road to channel flow from the perennial stream into the new culvert.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement 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 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 made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.

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- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were 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 execution of the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 11/26/2024

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