

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 Project (UARP) Culvert System Upsizing Group 2 (Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement No. ELD-42546-R2).

Project Location (include county): The project is located at unnamed tributaries to Angel Creek, Gerle Creek, Brush Creek, and Union Valley Reservoir, on El Dorado National Forest land in the County of El Dorado, State of California.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement No. ELD-42546-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/or repair of six existing undersized culverts to accommodate 100-year flow projections. Culverts 614, 732, and 2000 will be removed with an excavator during the dry season. Asphalt concrete or aggregate base will be sawcut and removed from the existing culvert locations with a buffer of approximately 10 feet on either side of the culvert. The footprint of the excavation sites will equal the diameter of the proposed new culverts plus an additional one foot on either side. The depth of the excavation sites will vary but will be sufficient to allow for approximately 1 foot of cover over the new culvert and extend approximately 6 inches below the invert for culvert bedding. The replacement culverts will be either a circular or elliptical corrugated metal pipe (CMP). All excavated areas will be backfilled using native soil or cement slurry to provide approximately one foot of cover over culvert and restore road surfaces (i.e., asphalt concrete or aggregate base), as appropriate. Replacement of culverts 615, 1115, and 1216 are located on perennial streams and will generally consist of the steps listed above. However, replacement of culverts on perennial streams will also divert and dewater the streams prior to replacement of culverts.

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.
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.

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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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