

Notice of Determination

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From: Placer County Water Agency
P.O. Box 6570
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(Public Agency and Address)

[X] County Clerk, County of: Placer
2954 Richardson Drive, Auburn 95603

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Duncan Creek Diversion Improvement Project – Pneumatic Crest Gates and Micro-Hydro Units

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State Clearinghouse Number Lead Agency Contact Person Area Code/Telephone/Extension
(If submitted to Clearinghouse)

Project Location (include county): Duncan Creek Diversion Dam is located on Duncan Creek in Placer County on lands within the Tahoe National Forest. The diversion dam is approximately 36 miles northeast of Auburn and 20 miles east of Foresthill, California, and approximately 1.5 miles north of French Meadows Reservoir in Placer County.

Project Description: PCWA proposes the addition of pneumatic crest gates and micro-hydro units to be installed as part of a larger project called Duncan Creek Diversion Improvement Project, which is part of the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project. The pneumatic crest gates will be installed within the notch on the spillway immediately adjacent to the south abutment of the dam and will allow for coarse sediment and debris to pass downstream. The addition of micro-hydro units would involve the installation of two 1,000-Watt, 48-volt direct current units, which would provide power to charge the battery bank for operation of the diversion facility. The micro-hydro units will be installed along the 12-inch instream flow pipe and housed within a vault constructed integral to the intake facility.

The pneumatic crest gates and micro-hydro units will be installed within the construction footprint analyzed in the Environmental Impact Statement for Hydropower License, Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project—FERC Project No. 2079-069, California (2013 FEIS) and the Final CEQA Supplement to the FERC Final Environmental Impact Statement (CEQA Supplement) for the MFP. In addition, installation of the pneumatic crest gates and micro-hydro units do not result in any new impacts not previously analyzed, or in the need for additional avoidance, protection, or mitigation measures.

This is to advise that Placer County Water Agency [X] Lead Agency [] Responsible Agency has approved the above-described project on January 20, 2022 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

- 1. The project [] will [X] will not have any significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] Approve an addendum, which evaluates adding pneumatic crest gates and micro-hydro units to the project, and consider the 2013 FEIS and the CEQA Supplement as prepared by PCWA.
3. New Mitigation measures [] were [X] were not made a condition of the approval of the project
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
5. Findings [X] were [] were not made pursuant to CEQA Section 15164.

This is to certify that the Addendum, 2013 FEIS and CEQA Supplement are available to the General Public at: PCWA, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, CA 95603.

Signature (Public Agency) Date Title
Benjamin Pansom (Jan 21, 2022 09:54 PST) Jan 21, 2022 Environmental Services Manager

Date received for filing at OPR: