

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012082046

Project Title: Ralston Afterbay Sediment Management and Enhancement/Restoration Activities (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-42512-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Ralston Afterbay (also known as Oxbox Reservoir) at the confluence of the Middle Fork American River and Rubicon River, in the Counties of Placer and El Dorado, State of California. The project includes Ralston Afterbay as well as the Middle Fork American River immediately downstream (within 0.48 mile).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-42512-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Placer County Water Agency.

In accordance with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license for the Middle Fork American River Project, the Permittee will conduct the following project activities to ensure the downstream movement of sediments and gravels that are otherwise retained in Ralston Afterbay: 1) periodic excavation of up to 101,000 cubic yards of sediment from Ralston Afterbay; 2) sediment augmentation at two (2) sites located downstream of Ralston Afterbay Dam; 3) gravel placement to enhance trout spawning habitat immediately downstream of Ralston Afterbay Dam; and 4) periodic opening of the low-level dam outlet during high-flow events to allow mobilization of accumulated sediment near the outlet.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above 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 Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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