

## 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:** Hell Hole Seasonal Storage Increase Improvement (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-54850-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at Hell Hole Reservoir and the Rubicon River, in the County of Placer, State of California; Latitude 39.05800, Longitude - 120.40900 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees). The elevation of the Project is approximately 4,630 feet above mean sea level.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-54850-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Placer County Water Agency, as represented by Ben Ransom.

The project is limited to the modification of the existing Hell Hole Spillway to allow for storage of additional water in Hell Hole Reservoir during the spring and summer after the peak runoff period. The Project will include a structural modification of the existing spillway structure including partial demolition, abutment modifications, and addition of an intermediate pier. Twenty-three Obermeyer pneumatically controlled overflow crest gates will be installed across the existing ogee crest structure. Support facilities will be constructed on the crest structure's left abutment and outside of the Ordinary High-Water Mark.

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.

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2. CDFW considered the Final CEQA Supplement to the FERC Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Middle Fork American River Project prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were not 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.
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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