



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 30 January 2025

State Clearinghouse Number:
2001102011

Project Title:
Oroville Wildlife Area and Thermalito Afterbay Recreation Improvements Project
(Project) (5A04CR00369)

Project Location - Specific:
Nearest City: Oroville
Latitude: 39.458077° and Longitude: -121.633801°

Project Location - County:
Butte County

Name of Applicant:
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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The Project purpose is to provide and enhance a suite of recreational facilities at an existing primitive recreational area along the Feather River. It involves constructing a new boat launch facility, a riverside trail connector and day use area, a campground facility (25 sites), a parking area, an access road, two vault toilets, and new landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 24 January 2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the determination made by Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA), the lead agency for the Project, that concluded California Department of Water Resources' Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Oroville Facilities Relicensing FERC Project No. 2100 adequately identified the environmental effects of the Project, and no subsequent or supplemental EIR is required for the Project. The EIR as prepared by California Department of Water Resources and documentation as provided by SBFCA were also considered by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Final EIR is available to the general public at: [Oroville Facilities Relicensing FERC Project No. 2100](https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2001102011/4) (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2001102011/4>).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/).

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