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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21108
State Clearinghouse Number: 2016122047

Project Title: Lower Klamath Project License Surrender and Decommissioning Project

Project Location: The Project is located on, and adjacent to, the Klamath River in Siskiyou
County, California, and in Klamath County, Oregon. The nearest city to the California portion of the
Proposed Project is Yreka, which is located 20 miles southwest of the downstream end
of the Project. The California portion of the Project includes the following three dams and associated facilities:
Copco No. 1 Dam (River Mile [RM] 201.8), Copco No. 2 Dam (RM 201.5), and Iron Gate Dam (RM 193.1).

Project Description:

The Project involves the decommissioning and removal of the Project dams (J.C. Boyle, Copco No. 1, Copco No. 2,
and Iron Gate) and associated facilities by the Klamath River Renewal Cooperation (KRRC). The Project's purpose
is to create a free-flowing Klamath River and provide for volitional fish passage in the Klamath River where the
dams are currently located. The Project includes improving certain roads and bridges, habitat restoration of the
former reservoirs and other land, replacing a water supply pipeline used by the City of Yreka, and reopening a fish
hatchery. The State Water Resources Control Board is the lead agency for the project. As a responsible agency,
DWR has approval authority over one document (co-licensee agreement) that furthers KRRC's implementation of
the Project.

This is to advise that DWR is, acting as [] the lead agency / [x] a responsible agency] approved the above-
described project on December 1, 2022, and made the following determinations regarding the above-described
project:

- 1. The project [x] will / [] will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [x] An environmental impact report / [] A negative declaration] was prepared by the lead agency for the original
project.
3. Mitigation measures [] were / [x] were not] made a condition of DWR's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [] was / [x] was not] adopted by DWR for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [x] was / [] was not] adopted by DWR for this project.
6. Findings [x] were / [] were not] made by DWR pursuant to Public Resources Code § 21081(a).

DWR considered the final EIR prepared by the lead agency and the final EIR with comments and responses and
record of project approval is available to the General Public at 715 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Signature [Handwritten Signature] Date: 11-29-22

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____