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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 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 to 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 lead agency for the Project. As a responsible agency, CDFW has approval authority over four documents (Co-Licensee Agreement, Hatchery Operations and Maintenance Agreement, commitment to further a proposed transfer of land from KRRC to CDFW, and an environmental resolution agreement) that furthers KRRC's implementation of the Project.

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

CDFW considered the 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: December 1, 2022

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____