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## 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  
P.O. Box 3044  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

**From:** California Regional Water Quality Control Board  
Central Valley Region, Redding Office  
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205  
Redding, CA 96002

**Date:** 22 May 2024

**State Clearinghouse Number:**

2019100230

**Project Title:**

Soda Creek Restoration and Fisheries Improvement Project

**Project Location - Specific:**

The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 40.04541° and Longitude: -121.00512°.

**Project Location - County:**

Plumas County

**Name of Applicant:**

Joseph Hoffman  
Mt. Hough Ranger District, Plumas National Forest  
39696 Highway 70  
Quincy, CA 95971

**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**

The purpose of the Project is to restore and enhance trout spawning habitat and aquatic life in Soda Creek and its tributaries by decommissioning approximately 1.5 miles of U.S. Forest Service Soda Creek Road, removing four stream crossing culverts and three ditch relief culverts, removing five gabion structures within the stream channel, and recontouring the roadbeds and streambanks to match the native slope. Secondary benefits include reducing erosion from the failed road and improving the riparian corridor for aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and plants.

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MARK BRADFORD, CHAIR | PATRICK PULUPA, ESQ., EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:**

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 16 May 2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the Statewide Restoration General Order as prepared by State Water Resources Control Board.
2. The Project will not result in any new or more severe environmental effects that are peculiar to the Project which were not previously analyzed as significant effects in the PEIR.
3. No additional environmental review is required for the Project.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the PEIR.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted under the PEIR.
6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted under the PEIR.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The final PEIR with comments and responses is available to the general public at:

[SCH 2019100230 SRGO Final PEIR](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/cwa401/generalorders/2022/sr-go-final-peir-combined.pdf)

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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/)

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Leslie Mink, Plumas Corp, Quincy