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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:** 7 September 2023

**State Clearinghouse Number:**  
2019100230

**Project Title:**  
Shea Island Side Channel Project (Project; WDID 5A45CR00644)

**Project Location - Specific:**  
The Project area is located at the Sacramento River between river mile 290 and 289. The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 40.510798° and Longitude: -122.364355°.

**Project Location - County:**  
Shasta County

**Name of Applicant:**  
John Hannon  
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation  
2800 Cottage Way  
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**Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:**  
The purpose of the proposed project is to increase rearing and existing spawning habitat for salmonid fish within the Shea Island complex. The project aims to enhance flows of existing side channels while also removing fish stranding pools that currently threaten fish. In addition, spawning gravel will be augmented along the bank of the Sacramento River to provide adult spawning habitat.

**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 31 August 2023 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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