

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2019012043

PROJECT NUMBER: 8374-110

DOCUMENT TITLE: Solar Photovoltaic (PV) for the WNTF (Wastewater Treatment Plant) (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is located approximately 3.5 miles west of downtown Placerville at 2300 Cool Water Court, where the Applicant owns and operates the Hangtown Creek Water Reclamation Facility. It is located within the Placerville 7.5-minute Quadrangle, in Township 10 North, Range 10 East, Section 11, in the Southwest $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 11.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board's Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program is financing the Project referred to internally as "Solar Photovoltaic (PV) for the WWTP." The Project consists of clearing an approximately 2.88-acre site of existing vegetation in preparation for installation of a solar photovoltaic (PV) system to provide electricity for the operation of the wastewater treatment plant. Following the removal of vegetation, the area would be seeded with an indigenous low-height ground cover. The existing vegetation, primarily dense tree cover, would be removed. The PV system would be installed on a ground-mounted racking system on piers that would be driven a maximum of eight (8) feet below ground surface.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has approved SRF financing for the Project described above on March 24, 2023. The City of Placerville will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is

limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.

2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was adopted for the Project.

LEAD AGENCY: City of Placerville

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Morris Cleve

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Records of the financing approval for the Project is available to the general public at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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