
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

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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 27 April 2021

State Clearinghouse Number: 2020019021

Project Title: Thompson Meadow Restoration and Water Budget Evaluation Project
(WDID 5A32CR00213)

Project Location - Specific: The Project area is located 0.5 miles south of Squaw Valley Road in Thompson Valley, Plumas National Forest. The nearest city is Portola. The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.977811° and Longitude: -120.476817°.

Project Location - County: Plumas County

Name of Applicant:
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USDA Forest Service, Plumas National Forest
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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The primary purpose of the project is to restore channel/floodplain function to 0.68 miles of degraded stream channel and 47 acres of degraded meadow in order to reestablish the historic meadow water table elevation, stabilize eroding stream banks, improve water quality, attenuate flood flows, and restore meadow vegetation. A secondary purpose of the project is to improve the quality and quantity of woody and non-woody riparian vegetation along stream reaches and to improve wildlife habitat and livestock forage.

Another purpose of the project is to rigorously study the effects of such restoration. The monitoring network includes stream flow gages, groundwater measurement wells, soil moisture sensors, a weather station, and two evapotranspiration measurement stations. California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has been collecting pre-project hydrologic and climate data continuously since 2012. Post-project hydrologic monitoring is planned to continue for five years following project implementation, with DWR then modeling the project effects.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as a Responsible Agency, approved the above-described project on 21 April 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the California Department of Water Resources.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at: California Department of Water Resources, 2440 Main Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080

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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