

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of:
Address:

From:

Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board
Address: 1001 I Street, Sacramento CA, 95814
Contact: Philip Meyer
Phone: 916-341-5369

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Address:
Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2020069038

Project Title: Pine Creek Mine Hydroelectric Project

Project Applicant: Pine Creek Mine, LLC

Project Location (include county): Inyo County above the confluence of Morgan Creek and Pine Creek

Project Description:

Please see attached document

Governor's Office of Planning & Research
AUG 27 2020
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on August 25, 2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
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 adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at: 1001 I Street, Sacramento CA, 95814

Signature (Public Agency): Ann Marie Ore, Environmental Program Manager

Date: August 25, 2020 Date Received for filing at OPR:

**PINE CREEK MINE, LLC
PINE CREEK MINE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION PROJECT NO. 12532**

Project Description:

The proposed Project is located in northwestern Inyo County, northwest of the City of Bishop. The Project site is upstream of the confluence of Morgan Creek and Pine Creek and accessed via Pine Creek Road. The Pine Creek Mine facilities and operations are presently inactive. The Project would include installation of a hydroelectric turbine within the Easy-Go Adit, about 2,480 linear feet underground. The water source for the Project is water draining from the underground mine workings. When the Easy-Go Adit was opened in the 1960's, miners encountered a significant amount of water. The water percolates through fissures, fractures, and boreholes formed during the mining activities. The quantity of water draining into the adit varies seasonally, ranging from about 7-14 cubic feet per second (cfs) seasonally as an indirect function of snowmelt. Average inflow is estimated to be about 10 cfs. The Project would utilize an existing concrete plug in the mine to store up to 200 acre-feet of water, creating a gross head of up to 1,320 feet for power generation. The Project would include construction an 18-inch-diameter, 120-foot-long steel penstock to connect the existing piping and plug features to the proposed 1,500-kilowatt Pelton turbine generator. Water exiting the turbine would discharge into a V-shaped granite channel within the adit and flow down-gradient to the intake for the existing exempt hydroelectric facility (FERC Project No. 13163) and mine water discharge system, located below the adit. The water would then be routed through that existing facility's existing penstock and turbine and discharged into the existing pond (Pond 6), from which it would flow over that pond's concrete spillway and into Morgan Creek, shortly above its confluence with Pine Creek.



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PROJECT TITLE
PINE CREEK MINE HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Pine Creek Mine, LLC	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (916) 341-5369
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS P.O. Box 2000	CITY Sacramento	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95812

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	2,406.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,136.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

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TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 2,406.75

SIGNATURE x Meng Heu <small>Digitally signed by Meng Heu Date: 2020.08.27 09:42:03 -07'00'</small>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE State Clearing House
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