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Certification of Final Environmental Impact Report for the Rector Reservoir Bypass Valve Project

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) proposes construction and operation of the Rector Reservoir Bypass Valve Project (Project) (State Clearinghouse No. 2020070017). The Project addressed in the EIR would implement an interim schedule for minimum environmental releases of water to Rector Creek below Rector Dam located in Napa County, California, approximately 2.5 miles northeast of the town of Yountville. The releases are needed to meet California Fish and Game Code 5937 requirements. To facilitate these releases, CalVet proposes to construct new facilities below Rector Dam to convey, monitor, and release stored water from the reservoir to Rector Creek. These facilities include a bypass valve at the base of Rector Dam and a raw water pipeline connecting the valve to a proposed outfall structure on Rector Creek downstream of the dam.

The Final EIR consists of the Draft EIR, revisions to the Draft EIR made in response to comments and at the discretion of the Lead Agency, a list of persons and agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, comments received on the Draft EIR, responses to comments, a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project, and Appendices.

The Final EIR was presented to the decision-making body of CalVet, which has reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR for the Project. In accordance with Section 15090 of CEQA, CalVet hereby certifies that the Final EIR for the Rector Reservoir Bypass Valve Project has been completed in compliance with CEQA and reflects CalVet's independent judgement and analysis.

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Date