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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the staff of the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) has (a) concluded after an environmental assessment that although the Middle Fork Interbay Sediment Management Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because of the measures added to the project as described in the Subsequent Initial Study/Impact Report; (b) prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project; and (c) anticipates recommending to the Board of Directors of the Agency that it approve the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan.

PROJECT: MIDDLE FORK INTERBAY SEDIMENT MANAGEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: PCWA is proposing to initiate the Middle Fork Interbay Sediment Management Project. The project site is located on private property approximately 9.5 road miles east of Foresthill and 6.5 road miles northwest of Middle Fork Interbay in Placer County. The proposed project involves the placement of approximately 65,000 cubic yards of sediment removed from Middle Fork Interbay. The effects of sediment removal activities at Middle Fork Interbay were addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement/Report (SCH# 2012082046) prepared for the Middle Fork American River Project. This Mitigated Negative Declaration evaluates the environmental effects of sediment disposal activities at the proposed EBRL Sediment Disposal Area. The proposed project would consist of the hauling of sediment approximately 6 miles from Middle Fork Interbay to the EBRL Sediment Disposal Area. Sediment will be graded and contoured to a natural grade.

The purpose of the overall project is to remove accumulated sediment and large rocks deposited from runoff of severe storms in 2016 and 2017 in front of Middle Fork Powerhouse. This accumulation impedes the flow of water away from the turbines reducing power production. In addition, the low-level outlet for the dam was found to be inoperable due to the sediment that has migrated down from the original permitted area.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND AVAILABILITY: The 30 day public review period for this Subsequent Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on July 20, 2020 and ends August 18, 2020. A copy of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review at the following locations:

- PCWA's website, www.pcwa.net

To request a copy mailed to you, please see contract information below.

A public hearing on this proposed project is scheduled for August 20, 2020 at 2:00 PM which will be held in the American River Room at the Placer County Water Agency, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. The project and the environmental analysis will be considered at that time.

CONTACT: Please send your comments on this environmental document to: Placer County Water Agency, Attention: Heather Trejo, P.O. Box 6570, Auburn, CA 95604, Phone: (530) 823-4905 or email to htrejo@pcwa.net.