

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2020090032

**Project Title:** Hemphill Diversion Structure Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-27061-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The project site is located at the Hemphill Diversion Structure located in Auburn Ravine, in the County of Placer, State of California. The project site is approximately centered at Latitude 38.896636, Longitude -121.251853 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-27061-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Nevada Irrigation District (NID).

The existing Hemphill Diversion Structure is substantially deteriorated, and the structure continues to obstruct the passage of anadromous fish species under most flow conditions. Additionally, the existing diversion to Hemphill Canal is unscreened and does not exclude fish from entering the canal. The removal of the diversion structure is necessary to allow for fish migration to occur year-round within Auburn Ravine. NID proposes to remove the existing Hemphill Diversion Structure and the Hemphill Canal inlet structure. The proposed project will construct a roughened channel (rough-rock ramp), install bank stabilization and erosion control measures within Auburn Ravine, construct a modified inlet structure incorporating a cone fish screen on Hemphill Canal, and make modifications to the canal.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project  will /  will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the environmental impact report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures  were /  were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings  were /  were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of execution of the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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*Jennifer Garcia*

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Date: 6/21/2022

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