

Notice of Determination

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Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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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): 2020090506

Project Title: Lake Fordyce Dam Seepage Mitigation Project

Project Applicant: Pacific Gas and Electric Company

Project Location (include county): Lake Fordyce is on Fordyce Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of the Yuba River, in Nevada County, approximately 17 miles west-northwest of Truckee.

Project Description: In 2005, the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) instituted a seepage threshold of 30 cubic feet per second (cfs) for Lake Fordyce Dam. Seepage at Lake Fordyce Dam exceeded the threshold in November 2011. Accordingly, in 2012 DSOD required PG&E to submit a plan and schedule to mitigate the seepage. The Project is intended to bring Lake Fordyce Dam into compliance with DSOD's seepage threshold.

The Project includes placing an impermeable membrane liner on the dam's upstream face to cutoff seepage through the embankment and construct a new concrete plinth and grout curtain at the upstream toe of the dam. To implement these dam improvements, Lake Fordyce Road would be improved to allow construction equipment access. Additionally, a cofferdam would be constructed in Lake Fordyce to create a dry work area on the upstream face of the dam. The Project is scheduled to occur from April to October each year for three consecutive years. The cofferdam may be removed in the fourth year of construction due to weather conditions in the third construction year. During Project construction, minimum flow releases of 5 cfs into Fordyce Creek would continue to be met.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (Lead Agency) has, based on the record before it, approved the above described project on October 30, 2020, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the General Public at:

1001 I St., Sacramento, CA 95814

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: Environmental Program Manager I

Date: October 30, 2020 Date Received for filing at OPR: October 30, 2020