

Notice of Determination

To:

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From:

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021010205

Project Title: Devil Canyon Project Relicensing, FERC Project No. 14797

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location: Along the East Branch of the State Water Project, between the Cities of Hesperia and San Bernardino, in San Bernardino County.

Project Description: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) owns and operates the Devil Canyon Power Development (DCPD), an existing power recovery project that includes hydroelectric facilities, access roads, maintenance areas, recreation areas, rights-of-way, and other appurtenant facilities. DWR operates the DCPD under an existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license that expires in 2022. DWR is undergoing the Traditional Licensing Process to renew its license with FERC pursuant to the Federal Power Act. The proposed Project is the continued operation of DCPD in accordance with DWR's proposed terms and conditions as described in the final license application that was filed with FERC. The proposed Project includes a change in the DCPD FERC boundary, resulting in an overall reduction in area that encompasses all existing facilities and lands necessary for operations and maintenance of the DCPD; the administrative designation of Primary Project Roads currently maintained by DWR used exclusively for accessing DCPD facilities; addition of an existing lake level gage; and proposed environmental measures including upgrades to existing recreation facilities and other environmental measures.

This is to advise that the California Department of Water Resources, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above described Project on 3/11/2021 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 the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final Negative Declaration, with comments and responses and record of Project approval are available to the General Public at:

California Department of Water Resources
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Signature: Jed Craddock Title: Deputy Director

Date: 3/11/2021 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____