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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): 2021010205

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

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location (include county): 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 Project (Project), an existing hydropower project that includes hydroelectric facilities, access roads, maintenance areas, recreation areas, rights-of-way, and other appurtenant facilities. DWR operates the Project under an existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license that expires in 2022. The proposed Project is the continued operation of the existing Project in accordance with DWR's proposed terms and conditions as described in the final license application that was filed with FERC, along with the terms and conditions of the State Water Resources Control Board's water quality certification for the Project. The proposed Project includes a change in the existing Project's FERC boundary, resulting in an overall reduction in area that encompasses all existing facilities and lands necessary for operations and maintenance of the Project; the administrative designation of Primary Project Roads currently maintained by DWR used exclusively for accessing Project 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 rr State Water Resources Control Board has approved the Lead Agency Responsible Agency)

above-described project on 08/11/2022 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 not 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 is available to the General Public at:

California Department of Water Resources, 2033 Howe Avenue, Suite 220, Sacramento, California 95825

Signature (Public Agency):  Title: Assistant Deputy Director

Date: August 11, 2022 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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