

# Notice of Determination

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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): 2021030471

Project South State Water Project Hydropower Relicensing, FERC Project No. 2426

Title:

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location (include county): Along the West Branch of the State Water Project, between the towns of Castaic and Gorman, in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Project Description:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (collectively Licensees) operate South State Water Project Hydropower (South SWP Hydropower) under an existing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) license that is an existing power recovery project consisting of hydroelectric facilities, access roads, maintenance areas, recreation areas, rights-of-way, and other supporting facilities.

The proposed Project is the continued operation of South SWP Hydropower under a new FERC license in accordance with the terms and conditions as proposed by the Licensees in the Final License Application, as amended. Under the proposed Project, the Licensees' proposed changes to the existing South SWP Hydropower include an administrative modification to the existing project boundary, resulting in an overall reduction in land area designated in the license that encompasses all existing facilities and lands necessary for operations of South SWP Hydropower; administrative designation of Primary Project Roads currently maintained by the Licensees that are used exclusively for accessing South SWP Hydropower facilities; administrative addition of an existing lake level gage, Quail Detention Embankment, and Los Alamos Campground into the license and proposed Project boundary; administrative removal of the Southern California Edison-owned Warne Transmission Line from the license Project description; and implementation of potential FERC-required protection, mitigation, and enhancement measures, which are environmental enhancement measures that include: upgrades to existing recreation facilities, vegetation management, protections for plant, terrestrial, and aquatic wildlife species, cultural resources protection and management, and other environmental measures.

This is to advise that State Water Resources Control Board has approved  
 Lead Agency  Responsible Agency)

above described project on 01/26/2022 and has made the following determinations  
(date)  
regarding the above described project.

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was 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 Mitigated 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): *Ann Marie Ore* Title: Environmental Program Manager

Date: January 26, 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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