

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 Title: South State Water Project Hydropower, FERC Project No. 2426 Amendment to Water Quality Certification

Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power

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

Project Description:

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (collectively Licensees) own and operate South State Water Project Hydropower (Project), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Project No. 2426. The Project is an existing hydroelectric project consisting of hydroelectric facilities, access roads, maintenance areas, recreation areas, rights-of-way, and other supporting facilities. The Project is part of a larger water storage and delivery system, the State Water Project (SWP), which is the largest state-owned and operated water supply project in the United States. The Project is located along the southern end of the West Branch of the SWP in Los Angeles County, California, between the towns of Castaic and Gorman.

On March 16, 2022, the Licensees requested an amendment to the Project water quality certification (certification). The amended conditions for certification include changes to Condition 3: Minimum Instream Flows; Condition 5: Ramping Rates; Condition 6: Large Woody Material Management; Condition 7: Gravel Enhancement; and associated rationale.

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

above described project on 03/14/2023 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. The State Water Resources Control Board reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for relicensing the SWP by DWR, the lead agency for CEQA review purposes. The Mitigated Negative Declaration covers the Project.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval for relicensing the SWP.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for relicensing the SWP.
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 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): Parker Thaler Title: Environmental Program Manager I

Date: 03/14/2023 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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