

Notice of Determination

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Lead Agency: Nevada Irrigation
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SUBJECT: Filing Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021050237

Project Title: English Meadows Floodplain Restoration and Enhancement Project

Project Location: The Project lies in the headwaters of the Middle Yuba River watershed, approximately 35 miles northwest of Lake Tahoe and straddles the boundary between Nevada and Sierra counties. The closest city is Truckee, in Nevada County. The Middle Yuba River, which bisects English Meadow, flows into Jackson Meadows Reservoir approximately 1 mile downstream of the Project. The Project is located in Section 4 of Township 18 North, Range 13 East of the Mt. Diablo Meridian and Baseline.

Project Description: The Project will restore approximately 380 acres of meadow and mixed conifer forest habitat in English Meadow. Historic land use, channel erosion, conifer encroachment, and overly dense forest conditions have impaired the hydrologic function in English Meadow. Today, the Middle Yuba River channel is incised, and flows are largely disconnected from the surrounding meadow floodplain. Flows within the meadow are “flashy” and exit downstream quickly before they can greatly recharge the meadow aquifer. As a result, there has been a subsequent shift in vegetation from wetland to upland plants and reduced late season streamflow. The Project will restore hydrologic function and floodplain connectivity by installing a series of woody debris jams and riffles to capture sediment in the channel, halt head-cutting tributaries, raise the water table, and improve the hydrologic connection between channel flows and the meadow floodplain. WCB Project ID: 2020133.

This is to advise that the Wildlife Conservation Board has approved the above
 Lead Agency or Responsible agency

described project on August 26, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(Date)
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 Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
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 Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: <https://www.nidwater.com/english-meadow>

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John P. Donnelly
Signature John P. Donnelly, Executive Director

Title: Executive Director

Date: 8/27/2021

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____