

## Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108***

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2021050237

**Project Title:** English Meadow Floodplain Enhancement and Restoration Project (Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. NEV-24853-R2)

**Project Location (include county):** The project is located at the Middle Yuba River in Sierra and Nevada Counties, State of California; Approximately 1 mile upstream from Jackson Meadows Reservoir.

**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement number NEV-24853-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Nevada Irrigation District.

This Project will restore approximately 380 acres of meadow and mixed conifer forest habitat in English Meadow to improve watershed/floodplain function, resilience, and the surrounding forest. 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. The goal of the Project is to achieve the following benefits:

- Reduce the transport of bedload and fine sediment from the upper watershed into Jackson Meadows Reservoir (maintain reservoir water storage capacity).
- Increase seasonal retention and release of precipitation in the meadow floodplain aquifer.
- Enhance habitat for meadow-dependent species.
- Improve forest health to reduce wildfire risk through fuels reduction.
- Increase snowpack and surface flow through mechanical thinning of the forest community on surrounding slopes.
- Reduce conifer encroachment into the meadow.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the  mitigated negative declaration /  negative declaration prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures  were /  were not made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.

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- 4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan  was /  was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
- 6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

The  mitigated negative declaration /  negative declaration prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of execution of the above Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 5/12/2022

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