

NOTICE OF INTENT
to Adopt a Negative Declaration for the
East Weaver Creek Dam Removal and Intake Relocation Project

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The Weaverville Community Services District (WCSD) is preparing a Negative Declaration for the proposed project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration is to inform the public that the lead agency has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The WCSD staff has reviewed the Initial Study for the project; and, based on substantial evidence in the record, finds that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public that a Negative Declaration will be approved for this project. The Notice of Determination and supporting Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/NEG) will be accessible at the Trinity County Clerk Office's notice board, Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program's website (<http://www.5counties.org/>), or at the Office of Planning and Research's website (<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>).

Project Title: East Weaver Creek Dam Removal and Intake Relocation Project

Project Location – Specific: The project is located in Section 30, Township 34N, Range 9W, MDB&M (40.73525, -122.93026). It is accessible by traveling north on Highway 3 from Weaverville to East Weaver Creek Road. At East Weaver Creek Road, turn left from Highway 3 and proceed 2.5 miles to the access road to the Weaverville Community Services Districts' facilities. This road's access is controlled with a gate. The facilities are 0.2 miles down this access road.

Project Location – City: Weaverville, CA

Project Location – County: Trinity

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The project will remove the East Weaver Creek Dam, install a screened intake, and allow fish passage while maintaining water reliability to the community of Weaverville. The East Weaver

Creek Dam is rated in poor condition due to repairs or modifications required to maintain the structure operationally. Deficiencies are evident on visual inspection of the dam including: loss of concrete apron segments, concrete spalling, exposed rebar, water flows interstitially through the dam's rock structure, sediment filling upstream, and bed scour below the base of the dam. The East Weaver Creek Dam is a complete barrier to aquatic species including the threatened coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*). It is recognized as the only complete barrier to upstream fish migration for all life stages of all fish species in East Weaver Creek.

The project site is not on any of the lists enumerate under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code including, but not limited to, lists of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, and hazardous waste disposal sites.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Weaverville Community Services District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Northwest CA Resource Conservation & Development Council - Five Counties Salmonid Conservation Program

The WCSD invites written public comment as to the scope and content of the environmental information provided in the IS/NEG. Responses to this notice should be sent at the earliest possible date, but no later than September 6, 2021.

Please mail written comments to:

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