

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2021120060

Project Title: Delta Dams Rodent Burrow Remediation Project (Streambed Alteration Agreement No. EPIMS-CCA-20280-R3)

Project Location: The project is located at Clifton Court Forebay, in unincorporated Contra Costa County, State of California; Latitude 37.839918, Longitude -121.57590; Assessor's Parcel Number 001-041-040, 001-041-041, 001-081-028, 001-091-005, 001-101-007, and 002-240-XXX.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement (EPIMS-CCA-20280-R3), pursuant to Fish and Game Code section 1602, to the project Applicant, Department of Water Resources as represented by Gerald Snow.

The Applicant owns and operates the Clifton Court Forebay facility for the State Water Project. The Clifton Court Forebay is subject to rodent burrowing that can cause internal erosion which could lead to dam failure. To prevent dam failure, the Applicant proposes to remediate burrows by using a combination of the following methods: collapsing and backfilling rodent burrows, filling rodent burrows with a cementitious-soil slurry, installation of PVC-coated steel wire mesh and rock armoring to prevent rodents from burrowing into the downstream slope of the dam in the future.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 09/19/2022 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** prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A Mitigation Reporting or Monitoring Plan **was** 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.

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The Mitigated 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 project approval as a Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: Melissa Farinha *Date:* 9/19/2022

Melissa Farinha, Environmental Program Manager

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____