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**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
and  
Notice of Availability of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration  
for the  
Feather River Fish Monitoring Station Project**

Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Integrated Science and Engineering, Environmental Services Branch, and State Water Project Ecosystem Improvement Branch intend to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Feather River Fish Monitoring Station Project.

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Initial Study (IS) and Proposed MND prepared by DWR have been released for a 30-day public review.

DWR is proposing to implement the Feather River Fish Monitoring Station Project (Project) on the Lower Feather River to provide information on run-timing, origin (hatchery or natural), and abundance of steelhead and Chinook salmon. This document represents DWR's evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is intended to satisfy the responsibilities of the lead agency under CEQA for a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Project Title:** Feather River Fish Monitoring Station Project

**Lead Agency:** California Department of Water Resources

**Project Location:** The Project site is located in and adjacent to the low-flow channel (LFC) of the Feather River at river mile 61 upstream of the Thermalito Afterbay Outlet near the town of Oroville in Butte County, California, near 39.46098 N and -121.60846 W. This location corresponds to a portion of Section 35, Township 19 North, Range 3 East of the Palermo, California, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle.

**Project Description and Purpose:** The Project consists of four main components: resistance board weir, upstream passage complex, a PIT tag antenna array, and the solar power system. Construction activities will involve vegetation trimming; construction and installation of the resistance board weir; construction and installation of the upstream passage complex (fish counting chutes, camera boxes, security enclosure, and live trap); installation of the pit tag antenna array; installation of a floodplain junction box; installation of the fenced power and controller area (solar panels, fence, security cameras, and conduit); and installation of warning and directional signage.

Once constructed, the Fish Monitoring Station will be used to meet the NMFS OCAP BO requirements to answer basic life-history and abundance questions that will contribute to improved management of steelhead and Chinook salmon. This Project will take approximately five weeks to construct and is scheduled to be built between March

and September 2023.

**Environmental Review:** This Draft IS and Proposed MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, from July 1, 2022, through August 1, 2022. The Draft IS and Proposed MND can be reviewed online at:  
<https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices>.

Paper copies of the Draft IS and Proposed MND are available for review during normal business hours at:

California Department of Water Resources  
Division of Integrated Science and Engineering  
3500 Industrial Blvd.  
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**Submittal of Comments:**

Comments regarding the Draft IS and Proposed MND should be submitted in writing to:

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**Comments are due no later than 5 p.m. local time on August 1, 2022.**

**If comments are provided via email, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in Microsoft Word format, and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address.**

**PRIVACY NOTICE:** All comments received will be made available for public review in their entirety, including the names and addresses of the respondents. Individual respondents may request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure. DWR will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.