



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 7 February 2023

State Clearinghouse Number:
2022100104

Project Title:
Feather River Salmonid Habitat Improvement Project (WDID No. 5A04CR00349)

Project Location - Specific:
The project area is located within and adjacent to the Feather River below Oroville Dam near the Feather River Fish Hatchery. The nearest city is Oroville. The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.5148° and Longitude: -121.5625°.

Project Location - County:
Butte County

Name of Applicant:
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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:
The purpose of the proposed project is to maintain and enhance suitable salmonid spawning habitat on existing riffles in the low flow channel where most Feather River spawning activity occurs. The proposed project may also provide additional salmonid habitat access by improving the connectivity of two existing side channels adjacent to the mainstem river.

The proposed project consists of addition or replacement of approximately 16,000 cubic yards of spawning gravel to multiple locations within the river to improve spawning conditions in these areas; excavation of approximately 100 cubic yards of accumulated streambed material from the entrance of Moe's Side Channel; excavation of approximately 700 cubic yards of accumulated streambed material from the entrance and exit of the Bedrock Park Side Channel; and minor spoiling of approximately 100 cubic yards of excavated material in an area adjacent to the exit of the Bedrock Park Side Channel.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 3 February 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the California Department of Water Resources.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration /Environmental Impact Report is available to the general public at: CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov (<http://CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov>).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/).

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