

Notice of Determination

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2023040393

Project Title: Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project License Amendment

Project Applicant: Isabella Partners

Project Location (include county): Kern County, on the Kern River Below Isabella Dam. 35 miles Northeast of Bakersfield, CA.

Project Description:

Isabella Partners operates the Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission [FERC] Project No. 8377) located on the downstream toe of the United States Army Corp of Engineers' Lake Isabella main dam. The Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project generates energy from dam releases into the Kern River, in Kern County, California. The Proposed Project involves a FERC license amendment to the Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project to add an additional 5-megawatt Francis turbine unit to the existing powerhouse. The existing Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project would continue to be operated in the same manner with the addition of the new turbine. The Proposed Project does not result in flow changes to the Kern River.

rr State Water Resources Control Board has approved

This is to advise that

Lead Agency Responsible Agency)

above described project on February 12, 2024.

and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring program was adopted for this Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this Project.

This is to certify that the final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/lake-isabella.html

Signature (Public Agency): *Parker Thaler* Title: Environmental Program Manager I

Date: February 12, 2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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