

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2023060251

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Project Title: LOS PADRES DAM OUTLET MODIFICATIONS PROJECT

Project Location: Monterey County

Cross Streets: ~1 mile downstream of the former San Clemente Dam location

Latitude/Longitude: 36° 23' 9" N/ 121° 40' 2" W

Parcel No: 418191035000

Township: 18S, Range: 3E, Section: 8

Project Description: California American Water proposes to modify the existing low-level regulating outlet at the Los Padres Dam and Reservoir in Monterey County, California. The proposed project is intended to accomplish the following three primary goals: 1) meet the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams mandated requirement to drain the reservoir in case of emergency; 2) supply water to the Carmel River during low-flow summer months to meet instream flow requirements and sustain aquatic organisms, including South Central California Coast Steelhead; and 3) restore water supply to the existing fish trap and ladder necessary to provide upstream fish passage to adult steelhead. Construction of the proposed project elements would require a mix of specialized marine-based and conventional terrestrial-based construction means and methods. The proposed project includes the following components:

1. Site preparation and access improvements
2. Relocation of the upstream entrance
3. Replacement of emergency outlet valves
4. Installation and connection of new pipeline to existing pipeline
5. Site restoration and demobilization

Project construction is anticipated to begin in the fourth quarter of 2023, with completion in late 2024. Currently, construction is anticipated to take place periodically over the course of two seasons.

This is to advise that the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Board of Directors, lead agency, has approved the above described project on **August 21, 2023** by Resolution No. 2023-12, 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 CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were** made a condition of the approval of the project.

4. A Mitigation Monitoring Plan was adopted for the project.
5. Statement of Overriding Considerations *was not* adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Sections 15070 to 15075 and Section 15097 and 15105.A

This is to certify that the Addendum and record of project approval are available to the general public at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. G, Monterey, CA 93940.

Signature:  Date: August 24, 2023
Maureen Hamilton, MPWMD District Engineer

Date Received for Filing (OPR) _____

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

[https://mpwmd-my.sharepoint.com/personal/mhamilton_mpwmd_net/Documents/Carmel River/Los Padres Dam/LPD_OutletMods/CEQA/Notices/NOD_2023.08.24.docx](https://mpwmd-my.sharepoint.com/personal/mhamilton_mpwmd_net/Documents/Carmel%20River/Los%20Padres%20Dam/LPD_OutletMods/CEQA/Notices/NOD_2023.08.24.docx)