



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, CENTRAL REGION (REGION 4)
1234 East Shaw Avenue
Fresno, California 93710

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

1. Project Title & Number: California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW Kern River Hatchery Siphon Replacement Project) – Project No. 9571
2. Property Owner(s): County of Kern, Southern California Edison, U.S. Forest Service
3. Contact Person: Gerald Hatler, Program Manager; Gerald.Hatler@wildlife.ca.gov
4. Project Location: The Proposed Project is located in Kernville, northeastern Kern County, California. The current siphon pipeline alignment is located within Sections 9 and 10 of Township 25 South, Range 33 East. The hatchery is located at 14415 Sierra Way in Kernville, California and is accessed by State Route 155.

Project APNs: 054-020-48, 054-020-07, 054-100-02, and 054-010-23
5. Project Sponsor: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife, with assistance from the Department of General Services – Real Estate Services Division (DGS), is the lead agency for preparation of a mitigated negative declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for construction and operation of the CDFW Kern River Hatchery Siphon Replacement Project.
6. General Plan Designation: 1.1 – State or Federal Land; 2.5 – Flood Hazard; 3.3 – Other Facilities; 8.5 – Resource Management (Min 20-acre parcel size)
7. Zoning: E20 – Estate 20 acres; RF – Recreation Forestry
8. Brief Description of the Project: The Kern River siphon, which supplied water necessary for operations of the Kern River Hatchery, has failed and no longer provides water to the hatchery. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to restore functionality of the siphon so that hatchery operations can be resumed; and a water conveyance facility that is resistant to vandalism, as well as trespass and associated environmental damage, and minimizes maintenance needs. The Proposed Project would consist of construction and operation of a siphon and inlet structure, pump vault and pipeline assembly, pipeline and anchors, and diversion and outlet structure.
9. The project site is not located on the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code, including, but not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities.

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION:

The CDFW has determined that the project analyzed in the attached initial study checklist would not have a significant effect on the environment and the CHP intends to adopt a mitigated negative declaration. Copies of the proposed mitigated negative declaration and all documents referenced are available for review online at:
<https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/CEQA>

7/15/2024
DATE OF THIS NOTICE

for BY: Julie A. Vance, Regional Manager

WRITTEN COMMENT PERIOD:

The public review period for this IS/MND will be from July 24, 2024, to September 6, 2024. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on September 6, 2024.

Please send written comments to the attention of Jennifer Parson at 707 Third Street, 4th Floor, MS509, West Sacramento, CA 95605, or via e-mail to environmental@dgs.ca.gov.