

ATTACHMENT 4

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To:

Office of Planning and Research
1400 10th Street, Room 121
Sacramento, CA 95814

From:

California Tahoe Conservancy
1061 Third Street
South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Subject:

The filing of a notice of determination (NOD) in compliance with Public Resource Code section 21108.

Project Title: Máyala Wáta Restoration Project at Meeks Meadow (Project)

State Clearinghouse Number: 2018112063

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Project Location:

The Project is located within the USDA Forest Service's Meeks Management Area on the western shore of Lake Tahoe in El Dorado County. The Project is accessed from State Route 89 in Meeks Bay across from the Meeks Bay Resort. The Project area extends 1.3 miles upstream from SR 89 and one quarter-mile on either side of the Meeks Creek channel. (Exhibit A)

Project Description:

The California Tahoe Conservancy (Conservancy) will provide funding to the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California (Tribe) to implement the Project. The Tribe will implement the following restoration activities at Meeks Meadow: remove encroaching conifers using mechanical and hand thinning on approximately 300 acres; perform culturally guided prescribed burning; restore the meadow by planting culturally significant plant species, identifying and removing invasive species, and protecting culturally significant plants; and monitor the effectiveness of restoration activities.

This is to advise that the Conservancy, acting as a responsible agency, has approved the above described project on 12/10/2020 (Agenda Item 7) and has made the following determinations:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. The Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board (LRWQCB), acting as the lead agency, prepared an initial study/negative declaration (IS/ND) for the Project and LRWQCB adopted the ND on February 27, 2019. The IS/ND is available on LRWQCB's website at https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lahontan/docs/mayala_noi_nd.pdf or upon request. The Conservancy reviewed and considered the ND prepared by LRWQCB prior to the approval of the grant.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this Project.

Fish and Game Fees: LRWQCB paid the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Environmental Filing Fee for this Project. This notice includes a copy of the receipt (Exhibit B).

Date Received for Filing:

Jane Freeman

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Acting Executive Director