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Notice of Determination

To:
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21108

State Clearinghouse Number: 2012082046

Project Title: Hell Hole Low-Level Outlet Valve Replacement and Channel Modification (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-64733-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Hell Hole Reservoir and the Rubicon River, in the County of Placer, State of California; Latitude 39.05645, Longitude -120.40791 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees).

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-64733-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Ben Ransom.

The project is limited to the replacement of the existing Hell Hole Dam low-level outlet with a new valve, the replacement of a leakage weir, the replacement of a CMP culvert, and the installation of a rock apron and rock armoring near the Hell Hole Powerhouse. The Project also involves work on the Rubicon River, including channel modifications to accommodate new pulse flows and aquatic and riparian habitat restoration.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Lake Alteration Agreement on the date signed below and has made the following determinations regarding the project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (i):

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment. This determination is limited to effects within CDFW's permitting jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. CDFW considered the Environmental Impact Report prepared by the Lead Agency for this project pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15096, subdivision (f).
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of CDFW's approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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The final environmental impact report prepared for the project is available to the general public at the office location listed above for the Lead Agency. CDFW's record of execution of the above Lake Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Signature: _____ *Date:* 6/25/2026

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