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SUBJECT: *Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 or 15252, subd. (b) of the Public Resources Code*

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018051049

Project Title: Owens River Water Trail (SNC 1908-RT)

Project Applicant:
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Project Location (include county): Approximately 6.1-mile segment of the Owens River near Lone Pine, California (Inyo County)

Project Description: The Sierra Nevada Conservancy (SNC) would provide funding to the County of Inyo for the Owens River Water Trail (project). The project would be located within the perimeter of the Lower Owens River floodplain from Lone Pine Narrow Gauge Road south to Highway 136, just east of Lone Pine, California. The project area is largely a natural setting and is owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Inyo County proposes to enhance recreational access for non-motorized watercraft to an approximately 6.1-mile segment of the Owens River representing approximately 10% of the length of the newly rewatered, 62-mile Lower Owens River. Grant funding would be used to develop facilities for recreational users to enter and exit the river and allow unimpeded navigation for non-motorized watercraft, such as kayaks, stand-up paddle boards, and

canoes; remove emergent vegetation and excavate within the river channel to remove occlusions; and develop boat launch and take-out facilities to provide limited amenities (i.e., vault restroom, wildlife resistant trash receptacles, signage). The county would provide ongoing maintenance of the water trail.

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors evaluated the project in an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (certified on May 26, 2026). The SNC has reviewed the EIR and has independently determined that the project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts. All work will be performed in compliance with Inyo County's EIR.

This is to advise that the **Sierra Nevada Conservancy (Responsible Agency)** has approved the above-described project on **September 3, 2026**, and has made the following determinations regarding the above-described project:

1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An **Environmental Impact Report was** prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures **were** a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan **was** adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations **was not** adopted for this project.
6. Findings **were** made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the EIR and record of project approval are available to the general public at:

Sierra Nevada Conservancy, 11521 Blocker Drive, Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency):

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Title: Executive Officer

Date: 9/3/2026

Date Received for filing at OPR:

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