



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 29 May 2026

State Clearinghouse Number:

2022100104

Project Title:

Feather River Salmonid Habitat Improvement Project – Phase 2 (WDID 5A04CR00389)

Project Location - Specific:

The Project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.514792° and Longitude: -121.562489°

Project Location - County:

Butte County

Name of Applicant:

Roger Cornwell
Reclamation District 1500
15084 Cranmore Road
Knights Landing, CA 95645

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The proposed project is Phase 2 of the Feather River Salmonid Habitat Improvement Project (FRSHIP). FRSHIP was previously certified under WDID 5A04CR00349 to place approximately 16,260 cubic yards of clean spawning gravel. Phase 2 proposes to place approximately 7,900 cubic yards of clean spawning gravel. Areas in need of additional spawning gravel have recently been identified within the original footprint of the proposed project. Some of the gravel placed during Phase 1 in 2023 has been washed downstream and would be replaced as part of Phase 2.

The total of approximately 7,900 cubic yards of imported spawning gravel would be placed at six locations, with two alternate locations also being included if there is still spawning gravel available of the allotted 7,900 cubic yards. Approximately 100 cubic

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yards of accumulated material at the entrance of Moe's side channel would also be redistributed within the adjacent Top of Auditorium Riffle spawning site.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as a Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 29 May 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by California Department of Water Resources.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made 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.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available to the general public at: [SCH Number 2022100104](https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/Project/2022100104) (https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/Project/2022100104).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/).

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