

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2024040082

Project Title: Combie and Ophir 2 & 3 Siphon Replacement Phase 1 (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. PLA-53544-R2)

Project Location (include county): The project is located at Orr Creek, Dry Creek, and unnamed tributaries, in the County of Placer, State of California. The two project sites are located in the north Auburn area, east of Highway 49 and north of Bell Road with siphon crossings of Orr Creek and Dry Creek.

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification Number PLA-53544-R2, pursuant to section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Nevada Irrigation District.

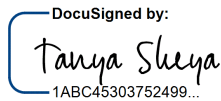
The purpose of the project is to replace two existing deteriorating siphons to better serve Nevada Irrigation District (NID) customers, the Orr Creek Siphon and the Dry Creek Siphon. The replacement siphons will be located within NID's existing 40-foot right-of-way easement that extends 20 feet on either side of the existing siphon centerlines. The project is limited to vegetation clearing and grubbing along the siphon alignments, trenching and backfill for siphon installation, construction of the new siphons, temporary stream diversion/dewatering for the siphon stream crossings at Orr Creek and Dry Creek, and project site restoration following construction activities. The Orr Creek Siphon will be replaced by installing a new approximately 945-foot-long underground siphon culvert along the west side of the existing culvert. The Dry Creek Siphon will be replaced by installing an approximately 3,350-foot-long new underground siphon culvert along the western side of the existing culvert.

This is to advise that CDFW, acting as a Responsible Agency, executed the above Streambed 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):

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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 not adopted by CDFW for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted by CDFW for this project.
6. Findings were not made by CDFW pursuant to California Code of Regulations section 15091.

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 Streambed Alteration Agreement as Responsible Agency is available at CDFW's regional office.

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Date: 5/12/2025

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