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SCH #

Project Title: Scotts Flat Dam Spillway Improvements Project

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City: Grass Valley | Zip: 95945 | County: Nevada

Project Location: County: Nevada | City/Nearest Community: Nevada City
Cross Streets: Scotts Flat Road and Dam Road | Zip Code: 95959
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 39 ° 16 ′ 13.62 ″ N / 120 ° 55 ′ 53.26 ″ W Total Acres: 31
Assessor's Parcel No.: 038-040-031-000 | Section: 11 | Twp.: 16N | Range: 09E | Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 20 | Waterways: Scotts Flat Reservoir, Deer Creek
Airports: None | Railways: None | Schools: None

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☒ Mit Neg Dec ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Other:
NEPA: ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI
Other: ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other:

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update ☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ General Plan Element ☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan ☐ Master Plan ☐ Planned Unit Development ☐ Site Plan
☐ Rezone ☐ Prezone ☐ Use Permit ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
☐ Annexation ☐ Redevelopment ☐ Coastal Permit ☒ Other: Spillway Repair

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units ____ Acres ____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. ____ Acres ____ Employees ____
☐ Educational:
☐ Recreational:
☒ Water Facilities: Type Channel/Spillway MGD ____
☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Power: Type ____ MW ____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type ____ MGD ____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type
☐ Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual ☒ Agricultural Land ☒ Air Quality ☒ Archeological/Historical ☒ Biological Resources ☐ Coastal Zone ☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal ☒ Flood Plain/Flooding ☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☒ Geologic/Seismic ☒ Minerals ☒ Noise ☒ Population/Housing Balance ☒ Public Services/Facilities
☒ Recreation/Parks ☐ Schools/Universities ☐ Septic Systems ☐ Sewer Capacity ☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ☒ Solid Waste ☒ Toxic/Hazardous ☒ Traffic/Circulation
☒ Vegetation ☒ Water Quality ☒ Water Supply/Groundwater ☒ Wetland/Riparian ☒ Growth Inducement ☒ Land Use ☒ Cumulative Effects ☒ Other: Tribal/Greenhouse Gas/Energy

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Public

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

The Proposed Project involves the replacement of the existing Scotts Flat Spillway trapezoidal chute with a rectangular chute (i.e., new chute floor with vertical side walls) and a new subdrain system along with a flip bucket terminal structure. The upper plunge pool would be removed and replaced, the lower plunge pool would be excavated, and new rock armoring would be installed, all to meet the updated PMF flow of up to 23,990 cfs and help with erosion and scour protection. During construction of the Proposed Project, there would be no changes to existing reservoir level or stream releases. This is because construction would occur during the dry season when only the unimpaired low level outlet is in use, not the spillway. During construction, prior to each rainy season, the construction site would be stabilized, and repairs paused such that the spillway can pass flooding flows should it be necessary. Additionally, post-construction operations would be the same as current reservoir, release, and hydropower operations; no changes are proposed. For public safety during active construction, public access and recreation activities would not be permitted in the Proposed Project area but could resume at the end of each construction season when the site is stabilized. NID public noticing to the community for such construction-related closures began in 2025 and has continued through 2026.
The new spillway chute, upper plunge pool, and lower plunge pool improvements would be located within the same approximate footprint as the existing facility. The total footprint for the Proposed Project (which includes the work areas and all staging/access) occupies approximately 31 acres.

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x	Air Resources Board	x	Office of Historic Preservation
	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
	Caltrans District #		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics		Regional WQCB #
	Caltrans Planning		Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
	Colorado River Board		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of	x	SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission		SWRCB: Water Rights
x	Fish & Game Region # 2		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of		Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of		Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		
	Health Services, Department of		Other:
	Housing & Community Development		Other:
x	Native American Heritage Commission		

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 6, 2026 Ending Date November 6, 2026

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