

ITEM: 24

SUBJECT: Osa Meadow Restoration Project, Sequoia National Forest, Kern River Ranger District

BOARD ACTION: *Consideration of a Resolution Approving an Initial Study and Adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration*

BACKGROUND: The Central Valley Water Board proposes to issue a Clean Water Act § 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for the discharge of fill material to waters of the United States by the Sequoia National Forest from its Osa Meadow Restoration Project (Project). Since no other discretionary state or local governmental approvals are needed for this Project, the Central Valley Water Board has assumed the role of lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. Central Valley Water Board staff conducted an Initial Study in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 14, §15063. Based on the results of the Initial Study, staff prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, which concludes that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment after mitigation measures are incorporated into the Certification.

ISSUES: None.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends adoption of the Resolution approving the Initial Study and adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Mgmt. Review _____
Legal Review _____

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