

Notice of Determination**Appendix D****To:**

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Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board
 Address: 1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
 Contact: Glenn Hoffmann
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Lead Agency (if different from above): _____

Address: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025050141

Project Title: Removal and Decommissioning of the Kanaka Powerhouse for the Kanaka Hydroelectric Project License Surrender

Project Applicant: STS Hydropower, LLC.

Project Location (include county): Unincorporated 15 miles east of Oroville, Butte County

Project Description:

STS is proposing to: (1) remove the former Kanaka Powerhouse and substation structures and regrade the site to match surrounding contours; (2) install a concrete plug in the screened intake pipe, permanently inhibiting water diversions to the penstock; (3) cut and cap the lower end of the penstock and install a concrete plug to permanently disconnect the penstock from the powerhouse and abandon-in-place the penstock; (4) install a sand and gravel plug in the penstock wet well to stop water collection (5) fill and grade the tailrace with native material to abandon it in place; (6) abandon-in-place the Kanaka Diversion Dam; and (7) rehabilitate an existing unnamed access road by removing vegetation to provide access for the decommissioning of the Hydroelectric Project. Following Project implementation, the road will remain in place.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved the above
 (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on 7/15/2025 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)

described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ 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.
☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 (2nd floor Water Rights Library)

Signature (Public Agency): Parker Thaler Title: Environmental Program Manager

Date: 7/15/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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

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