Notice of Determination

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From: State Water Resources Control Board
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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): 2004051123

Project Title: Water Quality Certification for Pyramid Dam and reservoir re-operation

Project Location (include county): Los Angeles and Ventura County

Project Description:
The Department of Water Resources has requested an amendment to its Federal Energy Regulator Commission license for the California Aqueduct Project (Project No. 2426) to operate Pyramid Dam to simulate the natural hydrology of middle Piru Creek. The purpose of the proposed amendment is to avoid the “incidental take” of the federally-listed endangered arroyo toad. Simulation of the natural hydrology involves managing inflow and outflow through Pyramid Lake into middle Piru Creek up to the maximum safe design release for Pyramid Dam. The State Water Board is issuing a revised water quality certification in response to a petition for reconsideration.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved the above described project on
    August 4, 2009
    (Date)
    and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project [X] will [□ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. [X] 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 [X] were [□ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [X] was [□ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [X] was [□ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [X] 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: Vista del Lago Visitor’s Center, 35800 Vista del Lago, Gorman, CA93243

Signature (Public Agency) Jeanine Bousard
Date August 4, 2009

Title Clerk to the Board

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

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