

Notice of Determination

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From:

Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board

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Lead Agency (if different from above):

Friant Power Authority

Address: c/o Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District

P.O. Box 279

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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): 2010051077

Project Title: Water Quality Certification for New Friant River Outlet Powerhouse

Project Location (include county): Fresno County

Project Description: The Friant Power Authority and the Orange Cove Irrigation District propose to construct a new River Outlet Powerhouse below Friant dam to increase the generating capacity of the existing facility. The existing powerhouse is regulated under Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) License No. 11068. The new River Outlet powerhouse will be constructed approximately 60 feet downstream of the existing River Outlet powerhouse. The existing River outlet powerhouse will stay in service intermittently during construction and return to full service after construction. The proposed powerhouse will not alter the final use, scheduling, or quantity of water delivered to the San Joaquin River, or impact reservoir levels in Millerton Lake and the construction project will not involve work within the San Joaquin River or its banks.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved the above described project on

Lead Agency or Responsible Agency

6/3/2011

(Date)

and has made the following determinations regarding the above 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: Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District, 11281 Garzoli Avenue, Delano, California 93216

Signature (Public Agency) _____

Thomas Howard

Title Executive Director

Date 6/3/2011

Date Received for filing at OPR _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.

