

Notice of Determination

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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: 2012082032

Project Title: Issuance of Water Quality Certification for Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project, Phase 2

Project Applicant: Meridian Farms Water Company (Applicant)

Project Location: The Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project, Phase 2 is located in the town of Meridian, along the Sacramento River in Sutter County.

Project Description: The Applicant filed a petition with the State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Water Rights to change its existing points of diversion in order to consolidate the existing Meridian and Drexler diversions (Water Right License No. 4676-B). The new Meridian diversion will be located approximately 50 feet upstream of the existing diversion, and be equipped with fish screens to prevent the entrainment of migrating fish.

The project is the issuance of a water quality certification for the Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project, Phase 2. Components of the Meridian Farms Fish Screen Project, Phase 2 include: 1) removal of the existing Meridian diversion and pumping plant; 2) construction of a new 135 cubic feet per second (cfs) Meridian diversion structure, equipped with retractable cylindrical fish screens and pumping plant; 3) removal of the existing Drexler diversion and pumping plant; 4) construction of a new 35 cfs Drexler pumping plant to deliver flows to the Drexler Service Area via the newly constructed Drexler pipeline; 5) modification of the existing Drexler outlet box; 6) installation of 54-inch and 74-inch discharge pipelines to convey water from the Meridian pumping plant to the Main Canal; 7) an increase in the capacity of the Main Canal to convey flows to the Drexler Service Area; and 8) installation of a liner for approximately 2,500 feet of the Grimes Canal, if funding is available.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on 6/7/2013 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. A Mitigated 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 monitoring and reporting program 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 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Rights, 1001 I Street, 14th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Signature (Public Agency):

Thomas Howard

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Date

6/7/13

Date Received for filing at OPR

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