Notice of Determination

To:  
☒ Office of Planning and Research  
☐ County Clerk  
   County of:  
   Address:  
   
From:  
Public Agency: State Water Resources Control Board  
Address:  
   1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814  
Contact: Jordan Smith  
Phone: (916) 323-3645  
Lead Agency (if different from above):  
   Placer County Water Agency  
Address:  
   144 Ferguson Road  
   Auburn, CA 95604  
Contact: Benjamin Ransom  
Phone: (530) 308-4554

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): 2012082045

Project Title: Middle Fork American River Project Relicensing

Project Applicant: Placer County Water Agency

Project Location (include county): Placer County and El Dorado County

Project Description:
PCWA owns and operates the Middle Fork American River Hydroelectric Project (Project). The Project uses the waters of the Middle Fork American River watershed to generate electricity through hydroelectric operations. The Project consists of five powerhouses, two major storage reservoirs, and five smaller regulating reservoirs and diversion pools. The Project seasonally stores and releases water to meet consumptive demands in western Placer County and to generate power. The Project has a total dependable generation capacity of 223.7 megawatts (MW), and an average annual energy production of 1,039 gigawatt-hours (GWh).

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board has approved the above described project on 4/17/19 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.
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:
Placer County Water Agency, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, CA 95603

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature]  
Title: Executive Director  
Date: 4/17/19  
Date Received for filing at OPR: APR 17 2019

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.  
Revised 2011
Location Map - Middle Fork Project Facilities

PROJECT SUMMARY
Project Completed: 1967
Total Energy Production Capacity: 223.7 MW
Average Annual Energy Production: 1,026,975 MWh
Total Gross Water Storage: 345,560 acre-feet (af)
Earth and Rockfill Dams: 11,900,000 cubic yards
Concrete Dams and Diversions: 94,000 cubic yards
Tunnels and Penstocks: 23.2 miles

RESERVOIRS AND DIVERSIONS

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