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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): 2014042011

Project Title: Hammer Diversion on South Fork Cottonwood Creek Fish Passage Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Project Location (include county): 8855 Hammer Loop Road, Platina, CA 96076 (Tehama County)

Project Description:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has proposed a fish passage improvement project on the South Fork of Cottonwood Creek at a site known as the Hammer Diversion. The project includes removal of the existing diversion dam and implementing improvements to meet the landowner's water and power needs. Improving fish passage at this site will restore anadromous fish access to an additional five miles of historic spawning, rearing and holding stream habitat. The project is being funded by the USFWS through the Anadromous Fish Restoration Program (AFRP). The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is providing equipment, supplies and agency personnel to implement the dam demolition portion of the project. The Central Valley Regional Water Control Board (RWQCB) is the lead agency for the project under CEQA.

This is to advise that the [X] Lead Agency or [] Responsible Agency has approved the above

described project on 6-17-14 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project [] will [X] 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. [X] 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 [] was [X] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [] were [X] 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: the Red Bluff Fish and Wildlife Office website at www.fws.gov/redbluff/afrp.html.

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Senior WRC Engineer

Date: 6-17-14 Date Received for filing at OPR: