

RECLAMATION

Managing Water in the West

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

American River Hatchery – New Hatchery Building

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FINDINGS

The Bureau of Reclamation has determined that authorizing the construction of a new hatchery building and associated infrastructure (relocation of fiber optics and installation of a backup generator and fuel tank) will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required and will not be prepared for this project, based on the fact that there will be no long-term adverse impacts on the human environment resulting from the proposed action. This decision is based on a thorough review of the American River Hatchery – New Hatchery Building Environmental Assessment (EA dated September 2012). This decision is in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), and the Department of the Interior regulations for implementation of NEPA (43 CFR Part 46).

A finding of no significant impact is based on the following;

1. The environmental effects of the proposed action are neither controversial nor do they involve unique or unknown risks.
2. The proposed action will have no adverse effect on such unique characteristics as resources, wilderness areas, wetlands, and riparian areas.
3. The proposed action will have no adverse effect on species either currently listed or proposed for listing as candidate, endangered, or threatened species, and no adverse effects on designated critical habitat for these species.
4. The proposed action will not adversely affect air quality. The action will comply with the standards set forth by Sacramento Valley Air Basin by adhering to Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction-related dust and emissions particulate matter increase. See page 11 within the EA.
5. The proposed action does not threaten to violate Federal, state, or local laws or requirements imposed for protection of the environment, with all conservation measures adhered to, (see conservation measures on page 9 of the EA).
6. Visitors will be able to access raceways through the Nimbus Fish hatchery parking lot. The contractor will use flaggers at the bike trail as construction equipment crosses the trail to control bike traffic,
7. Reclamation has consulted with the California State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding a determination of no adverse effects to historic properties resulting from the proposed project. Reclamation's responsibilities under Section 106 of the HPA have been fulfilled. If adverse effects to historic properties are identified, Reclamation will seek to resolve this adverse effect pursuant to the regulations at 36 CFR Part 800.6.

8. The proposed action does not have a potential to affect Indian Trust Assets. The nearest Indian Trust Asset is Auburn Rancheria, approximately 15 miles north northwest of the proposed action area.
9. There are no identified Indian Sacred Sites within the action area of the proposed project and therefore this project will not inhibit use or access to any Indian Sacred Sites.
10. The proposed action will not have any disproportionately negative impact on low-income or minority individuals within the project area.
11. Construction will take place during normal working hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), and no work will occur on weekends. Therefore, construction will be exempt from the requirements of the Sacramento Municipal Code (City of Sacramento 2012) as it relates to noise levels.
12. CDFG will continue to comply with California Regional Water Quality Control Board Concentrated Aquatic Animal Production General Order Number R5-2010-0018-019. The project contractor will provide a comprehensive Water Pollution Prevention/Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to control all discharges from the project.

SUMMARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

The expected environmental effects of the proposed action alternative are described in Chapter 3 of the EA. The environmental analysis indicates that the proposed action meets the purpose and need described in the EA with negligible effects to the human environment.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITMENTS

Reclamation is obligated to ensure fulfillment of any environmental commitments prescribed to mitigate or eliminate impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed action. Conservation Measure and construction procedures described in Chapter 2 of the 2012 EA will be followed, and Reclamation will monitor construction and post-construction activities to ensure avoidance or minimization of effects to the environment.