

Notice of Determination

June 10, 2009

To: ■ Office of Planning and Research
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From: County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803

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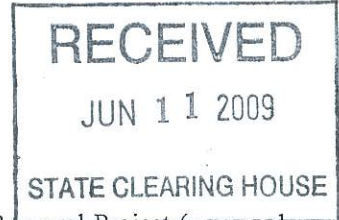
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Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code

Project Title: Santa Anita Dam Riser Modification and Reservoir Sediment Removal

State Clearinghouse Number: 2007061093

Lead Agency Contact Person: James Mak; (626) 458-6144



Project Location: The Santa Anita Dam Riser Modification and Reservoir Sediment Removal Project (proposed project) is located on the northern border of the City of Arcadia, in the western San Gabriel Valley in the County of Los Angeles, approximately 15 miles northeast of downtown Los Angeles. The project area is located on both the City of Arcadia and U.S. Forest Service land, approximately 2.5 miles north of the 210 Foothill Freeway.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of draining the Santa Anita Reservoir, removing sediment and debris from the reservoir by dry excavation, removing vegetation from the Santa Anita sediment placement sites (SPS), transporting the sediment from the reservoir via conveyor belt, and placing it in the lower and middle portions of the SPS. The proposed project would remove approximately 500,000 cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir. At the completion of the proposed project, no operational changes would occur at any of the areas that are used during the construction activities of the project, except at the lower portion of the SPS, which would be closed out to future sediment placement activities after the project.

The proposed project includes improvements to the Santa Anita Dam, which would involve modifications to the dam's inlet/outlet works, including the construction of a new riser. The modifications are necessary to comply with seismic stability requirements determined by the California Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD). The riser modification would be done concurrently with the sediment removal project. The dam outlet modification component consists of constructing a concrete riser on the lowest outlet gate of the dam. The new riser would allow water above 1,230 feet to freely pass through the dam, thus meeting DSOD's seismic safety requirements. Furthermore, the existing trash rack in front of this gate would be moved to the outside of the new riser and the existing gate would be removed. Additional gates would be installed on the outside of the new riser and the existing risers to allow for operations below the restricted level of elevation 1,231 feet.

This is to advise that the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works approved the above-described project on June 9, 2009, and 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 Statement of Overriding Considerations [■ was □ was not] adopted for this project.

This is to certify that the Final Environmental Impact Report with comments and responses and the record of project approval is available to the general public at the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803.

Handwritten initials: JM, SK, and others.

Signature: Christopher Stone Title: Principal Engineer Date: 6-09-09

Date received for filing at OPR: