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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): N/A

Project Title: Narrows 2 Mitigation Plan

Project Location (include county): Yuba River in Yuba and Nevada Counties, California.

Project Description: Yuba County Water Agency (YCWA) proposes the Narrows 2 Mitigation Plan (Project), which involves the placement of 30 pieces of large woody material (LWM) in the Yuba River, below Englebright Dam at three locations. The proposed Project will provide improved habitat for juvenile anadromous fish in the Yuba River, as mitigation for a 2015 minimum instream flow violation that resulted in harm to anadromous fishes.

LWM will be placed and anchored along the water's edge, facing downstream at an approximately 45-degree angle to the stream bank. LWM will be buried in the streambank using excavated soil or anchored with boulders, t-posts, rebar, or other poles/stakes driven below grade. The Project is estimated to take one to three weeks to complete, and will occur during the low flow period between July through September to minimize in-water work and potential impacts to anadromous fishes. The Project requires certification by the State Water Resources Control Board pursuant to the Clean Water Act.

This is to advise that the State Water Resources Control Board (Responsible Agency) approved the above described project on 8/9/2018 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 by the lead agency for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [] was [x] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings: [x] were [] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the State Water Resources Control Board (Responsible Agency) has taken discretionary action on this project and has incorporated the determinations made above. The Mitigated Negative Declaration 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): [Signature] Title: Executive Director
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