

NOTICE OF INTENT



South Sutter Water District

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PROJECT TITLE: Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project Relicensing

South Sutter Water District (SSWD) as the Lead Agency has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project Relicensing (Proposed Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Proposed Project is located along the Bear River 6.5 miles east of the City of Wheatland, CA in Yuba, Nevada, and Placer Counties.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The South Sutter Water District (SSWD) owns and operates the Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project. SSWD is seeking a new license from FERC with a term of 50 years to continue operating the Camp Far West Hydroelectric Project. As part of the proposed approval of the new FERC license, SSWD is proposing five project components: Modify the FERC Project boundary; Implement a new flow regime; Implement environmental measures; Increase the height of the Camp Far West Spillway by 5 feet to raise the maximum reservoir elevation of the Camp Far West Reservoir; and Rehabilitate, replace, and relocate recreation features.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Initial Study and Proposed MND found that implementation of the Proposed Project may result in potentially significant environmental impacts to: biological resources, each of which could be reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures identified in the MND.

REVIEW AND COMMENT: The 30-day public review period for the Proposed MND is **October 29, 2020 through November 29, 2021**. Comments on the Proposed MND must be received in writing by email or mail to the contact listed below by 5:00 PM on November 29, 2021. **Please include a return address and contact name.**

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During the public review period the Proposed MND will be available for review on the CEQAnet web portal at: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/> and at the following locations:

- SSWD Relicensing Website: <https://sswdrelicensing.com/home/>
- SSWD Office at 2464 Pacific Avenue, Trowbridge, CA 95659
- Nevada County, Placer County, and Yuba County Clerk Offices