Notice of Determination

TO: Office of Planning and Research 1400Tenth Street Sacramento, California 95814 FROM: Department of Water Resources 3374 E. Shields Ave. Fresno, California 93726

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

State Clearinghouse Number: 2007081125 Project Title: San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) Project Applicant: California Department of Water Resources Project Location (include county): Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare Counties.

Project Description: SJRRP will implement the Stipulation of Settlement (Settlement) in NRDC et al. v. Kirk Rodgers et al., consistent with the San Joaquin River Restoration Settlement Act (Act) (Public Law 111-11). The Settlement and the Act authorize and direct specific physical and operational actions (such as flow releases, channel/bypass modifications, salmon reintroduction, fish screens, etc.) consistent with the Restoration and Water Management goals of the SJRRP. All project-level actions addressed in this PEIS/R (release, conveyance, and recapture of Interim and Restoration flows; related monitoring and management actions; and conservation measures.) will be undertaken by Reclamation, and the effects of these actions are the sole responsibility of Reclamation. DWR serves as the CEQA lead agency for the SJRRP, although DWR is not taking any discretionary action for the project-level actions analyzed in the PEIS/R.

This is to advise that the <u>Department of Water Resources</u> has approved the above (X Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on <u>September 28, 2012</u> and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

- 1. The project [X will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
- An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

- 3. Mitigation measures [X] were interprotect 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 [X was was not] adopted for this project.
- 6. Findings [X were were not] made pursuant to the pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, is available to the General Public at: DWR 3374 East Shields Ave, Fresno, CA, 93726.

Signature: AMPardin	Date: 9/2012012
Title: Deputy Director	RECEIVED
Date Received for filing at OPR:	

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

STATE CLEARING HOUSE

OCT 01 2012