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## PUBLIC NOTICE

# NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### PROJECT INFORMATION

Date:	September 24, 2025	Project Sponsor:	San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Project Title:	<b>Cherry Valley Dam Spillway Short-Term Improvement Project</b>		Kelly Yong
Project Address:	Near Cherry Lake in the Stanislaus National Forest in Tuolumne County	415.551.4532	kyong@sfgov.org
Case No.:	<b>2024-000353ENV</b>	Environmental Case Coordinator:	Timothy Johnston
			628.652.7569
			timothy.johnston@sfgov.org

The San Francisco Planning Department has studied this project's potential physical environmental effects and welcomes your comments on the adequacy of the preliminary mitigated negative declaration (PMND). Refer to the Project Description and Purpose of Notice sections below for more information.

### Project Description

A PMND has been prepared by San Francisco Planning in connection with this project as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to study the project's potential physical environmental effects.

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission is proposing the Cherry Valley Dam Spillway Short-Term Improvement Project. The project would rehabilitate a segment of the existing unlined spillway discharge channel that receives Cherry Valley Dam spillway flows and directs the water toward Cherry Creek, in a generally north-south orientation. Debris from landslides on steep side slopes along the discharge channel has obstructed the channel and caused the spillway flows to be diverted east toward the Cherry Power Tunnel Adit entrance and public dispersed camping areas. The project would restore the alignment of the discharge channel to its original north-south orientation. Cherry Valley Dam and Lake are west of Lake Eleanor and Hetch Hetchy Reservoir in Tuolumne County, California, approximately 12 miles directly north of California State Route 120 or 23 miles north via Cherry Lake Road.

The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.

For more information:

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### Notice of Availability of a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The document is a PMND, containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed project. The PMND documents the determination by the Planning Department that the proposed project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. The publication of this environmental document does not indicate a decision by the City to approve or disapprove the proposed project.

### Purpose of Notice

The PMND is available to view or download from the Planning Department's Environmental Review Documents web page at <https://sfplanning.org/environmental-review-documents>. Paper copies are also available at the Planning counter of the San Francisco Permit Center on the second floor of 49 South Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco.

Environmental review focuses on the physical environmental effects of the project. Comments regarding your like or dislike of the project, or if you think officials should approve or disapprove the project, will not be addressed in the environmental review document. Instead, we encourage you to provide these comments to the SFPUC's environmental project manager assigned to the project, Kelly Yong ([kyong@sfgov.org](mailto:kyong@sfgov.org) or 415-551-4532). If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the Planning Department staff contact listed above.

**You are not required to take any action.** If you wish to comment on the adequacy of the PMND, within 30 calendar days following publication of the PMND (by 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2025), any person may:

1. Make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the PMND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. This may be done **without** the appeal described below; **OR**
2. Appeal the determination of no significant effect on the environment to the Planning Commission in a letter which specifies the grounds for such appeal, accompanied by a \$787 check payable to the San Francisco Planning Department.<sup>1</sup> An appeal requires the Planning Commission to determine whether or not an Environmental Impact Report must be prepared based upon whether or not the proposed project could cause a substantial adverse change in the environment. To file, send the appeal letter to the Planning Department, Attention: Lisa Gibson, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA 94103 or emailed to [lisa.gibson@sfgov.org](mailto:lisa.gibson@sfgov.org) and **must be received by 5:00 p.m. on October 24, 2025.**

In the absence of an appeal, the mitigated negative declaration shall be made final, subject to necessary modifications, after 30 days from the date of publication of the PMND. If the PMND is appealed, the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (FMND) may be appealed to the Board of Supervisors. The first approval action, as identified in the initial study, would establish the start of the 30-day appeal period for the FMND pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.16(d).

Members of the public are not required to provide personal identifying information when they communicate with the Commission or the Department. All written or oral communications, including submitted personal contact information, may be made available to the public for inspection and copying upon request and may appear on the Department's website or in other public documents.

- 1 Upon review by the Planning Department, the appeal fee may be reimbursed for neighborhood organizations that have been in existence for a minimum of 24 months.



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COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING	DOCUMENT NUMBER	
SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY	2025-0000066	
PROJECT TITLE		

CHERRY VALLEY DAM SPILLWAY SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

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PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,123.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,968.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,401.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Exempt from fee  
☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)  
☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)  
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ County documentary handling fee \$ 84.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Other NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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