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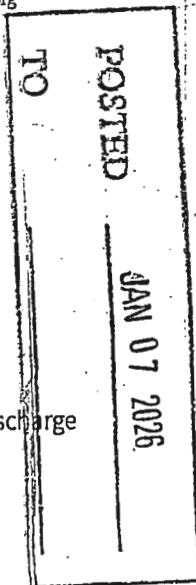
SAN FRANCISCO County Clerk
January 7, 2026

by: Melvin Galvez
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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

Final Approval Date: January 6, 2026
Case No.: 2024-000353ENV
State Clearinghouse No.: 2025091199
Project Title: Cherry Valley Dam Spillway Short-term Improvement Project
Project Location-Specific: Directly south of Cherry Dam along a portion of the unlined spillway discharge channel
Project Location-City/County: Tuolumne County, California
Lead Agency: San Francisco Planning Department
Project Sponsor: San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
Kelly Yong, Environmental Project Manager
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Staff Contact: Timothy Johnston
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Sonora, CA 95370

In compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Sections 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code, the Guidelines of the Secretary for Resources, and San Francisco requirements, this Notice of Determination is transmitted to you for filing. At the end of the posting period, please return this Notice to the Staff Contact with a notation of the period it was posted.

Attached fee:

\$84 filing fee **AND** \$3,043.75 Mitigated Negative Declaration Fee **OR**
 No Effect Determination (From CDFW)

Project Description

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.

Determinations

The City and County of San Francisco decided to carry out or approve the project administratively on January 6, 2026, on which date the SFPUC project manager also adopted the Mitigated Negative Declaration, CEQA findings, and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program. Since there were no appeals of the Preliminary Mitigated Negative Declaration, there is no appeal of the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration. A copy of the document(s) may be examined at Planning Department, 49 South Van Ness Avenue, Suite 1400, San Francisco, CA, 94103 in Case Number 2024-000353ENV.

1. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. It is available to the public and may be examined at the Planning Department at the above address.
2. A determination has been made that the project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of project approval for the project.
4. A mitigation and monitoring reporting program was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of overriding considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

Julie Moore

For Lisa Gibson
Environmental Review Officer

January 6, 2026
Date

cc: Jimmy Leong, Project Manager, SFPUC
other interested parties

Date Received for filing at OPR:



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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38-01/07/2026-009

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

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LEAD AGENCY SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL timothy.johnston@sfgov.org	DATE 01/07/2026
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SAN FRANCISCO COUNTY		DOCUMENT NUMBER 2026-0000005
PROJECT TITLE		

CHERRY VALLEY DAM SPILLWAY SHORT-TERM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME TIMOTHY JOHNSTON	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL timothy.johnston@sfgov.org	PHONE NUMBER (628) 652-7569
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 49 SOUTH VAN NESS AVENUE, SUITE 1400	CITY SAN FRANCISCO	STATE CA
ZIP CODE 94103		

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

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

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$ 4,227.50	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$ 3,043.75	\$ 3,043.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$ 1,437.25	\$ _____

Exempt from fee

Notice of Exemption (attach)

CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$ 850.00	\$ _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$ 84.00	\$ 84.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	\$ _____	\$ _____

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