



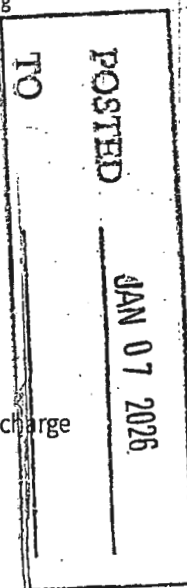
# San Francisco Planning

2026-0000005  
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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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<b>To:</b>	County Clerk, City and County of San Francisco City Hall Room 160 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102	State of California Office of Planning and Research PO Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044	Tuolumne County Clerk 2 South Green Street Sonora, CA 95370
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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.

*Julia 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:

**2026 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/26) Previously DFG 753.5a

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RECEIPT NUMBER:

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
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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) \$ 4,227.50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 3,043.75 \$ 3,043.75
- ☐ 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)

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

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

☐ Cash    ☐ Credit    ☐ Check    ☒ Other JE 778341 778318    TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 3,127.75  
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