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**Notice of Public Review and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration  
Los Padres Dam Outlet Modification Project**

California American Water proposes to modify the existing low-level regulating outlet at the Los Padres Dam and Reservoir in Monterey County, California. The proposed project is intended to accomplish the following three primary goals: 1) meet the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams mandated requirement to drain the reservoir in case of emergency; 2) supply water to the Carmel River during low-flow summer months to meet instream flow requirements and sustain aquatic organisms, including South Central California Coast Steelhead; and 3) restore water supply to the existing fish trap and ladder necessary to provide upstream fish passage to adult steelhead. Achieving these goals will restore the original purpose of the outlet and reliably achieving existing environmental mandates regarding sustaining aquatic organisms within the Carmel River and providing upstream fish passage at Los Padres Dam. Construction of the proposed project elements would require a mix of specialized marine-based and conventional terrestrial-based construction means and methods. The proposed project includes the following components:

1. Site preparation and access improvements
2. Relocation of the upstream entrance to the dam outlet
3. Replacement of emergency outlet valves
4. Installation and connection of new pipeline to existing pipeline
5. Site restoration and demobilization

Project construction is anticipated to begin in the 4th quarter of 2023, with completion in late 2024.

MPWMD is the lead agency for this project under the California Environmental Quality Act, and has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to evaluate its environmental effects. The IS/MND is now available for review on the District's website at [www.mpwmd.net/regulations/public-notices/ceqa](http://www.mpwmd.net/regulations/public-notices/ceqa) or at the District's office at 5 Harris Court, Building G (Ryan Ranch), Monterey, CA. Written comments and questions should be submitted no later than July 9, 2023, via email to [mhamilton@mpwmd.net](mailto:mhamilton@mpwmd.net) or mail to: Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, P.O. Box 85, Monterey, California 93942.

