

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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SACRAMENTO, CA 94236-0001



Jake Messerli, Chief Operating Officer
California Waterfowl Association
1346 Blue Oaks Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Messerli:

The State of California Department of Water Resources is proposing to implement the Yolo Bypass Salmonid Habitat Restoration and Fish Passage Project (Project), which has been developed to improve fish passage and increase floodplain fisheries rearing habitat in the Yolo Bypass and the lower Sacramento River basin. The Project will require flowage easements to be acquired over several properties.

Our records indicate that California Waterfowl Association holds a conservation easement identified as Document No. 2014-0014297 (attached) upon property identified as Yolo County Assessor's Parcel No. 008-010-034, also known as DWR Parcel No. YBSH-165. DWR Parcel No. YBSH-165 is owned by Angelo K. Tsakopoulos Holdings, LP, a California partnership, and Louis Vismara, Successor Trustee of Trust "A" under the Mario Vismara and Thelma Minella Vismara Trust dated June 1976, and is within the Project area. DWR is proposing to acquire a flowage easement over this property in conjunction with the Project. A map depicting the property containing your conservation easement is attached to this letter.

This Project is needed because substantial changes have been made to the historical floodplain of California's Central Valley for water supply and flood control purposes. These activities have resulted in losses of rearing fish habitat, migration corridors, and food web production for fish, negatively affecting native fish species that rely on a floodplain habitat.

The restored habitat will support the growth of a healthy population of salmon and improve conditions for survival of the endangered Delta Smelt and Green Sturgeon native-fish species by improving migration pathways through the Sacramento River, the floodplains of the Yolo Bypass, and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

As part of DWR outreach activities, DWR and California Waterfowl Association previously met to introduce the Project to California Waterfowl Association on December 15, 2020. Now that the Project is progressing into the land acquisition phase, DWR would like to discuss this specific proposed acquisition with you and any public agencies that funded, or required for permitting, the conservation easement. In addition, you may submit written comments on the acquisition, including identifying any

potential conflict between the public use proposed for the property and the purposes and terms of the conservation easement, to DWR at the P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001, Attn: Nathan Myhre, Associate Right of Way Agent, within 45 days from the date this notice.

As the easement holder, the California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1240.055 requires, under certain circumstances (see Code of Civil Procedure Section 1240.055(c)(2)[(A) and (B)], that California Waterfowl Association do the following within 15 days of receipt of this notice:

(1) Forward a copy of this notice by first-class mail to each public entity that provided funds for the purchase of the easement or that imposed conditions on approval or permitting of a project that were satisfied, in whole or in part, by the creation of the conservation easement;

(2) Inform each public entity that it may also submit written comments, including identifying any potential conflict between the public use proposed for the property and the purposes and terms of the conservation easement, within 45 days from the date of this notice, and that any comments should be submitted to DWR at the address provided on the previous page;

(3) If forwarding this notice to another public entity (as stated above), please notify DWR of the entity name and contact information.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any comments or questions regarding the Project or proposed acquisition, or if providing public entity contact information, you may contact me telephone at (916) 902-7547, by email at Nathan.Myhre@water.ca.gov, or by sending the to my attention at the address provided on the previous page.

Sincerely,

Nathan Myhre
Associate Right of Way Agent

Attachments