
DATE: September 29, 2023
TO: Agencies, Organizations and Interested Parties
FROM: California Department of Water Resources
SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

This serves as the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Notice of Intent to Adopt the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines.

PROJECT TITLE: Upper Swanston Ranch, Inc. Irrigation and Fish Passage Improvement Project (project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located west of Tule Jake Road and the Tule Canal, approximately 0.6 mile west of West Sacramento, in Yolo County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project consists of modifying an existing irrigation channel adjacent to Tule Canal to avoid fish entrainment, installing a new fish-friendly water intake structure with fish protective screens within Tule Canal, and installing a new pump site west of Tule Canal that would pull water from the proposed water intake screens through buried irrigation pipes beneath an agricultural pasture to an improved holding reservoir to the west. The water held in the reservoir would be available for diversion north from the reservoir for use within irrigated fields.

DWR, as the lead agency, has initiated the CEQA process to inform DWR's discretionary decision on whether to approve the proposed project.

SIGNIFICANT PROJECT IMPACTS DISCUSSED IN DOCUMENT: The IS/MND did not identify any significant and unavoidable impacts; mitigation was incorporated, where necessary, to reduce all potentially significant impacts to a less than significant level.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS/MND will be circulated for a 30-day public review period beginning on September 29, 2023, and concluding on October 29, 2023. In accordance with the State CEQA Guidelines, any comments concerning the findings of the IS/MND must be submitted in writing and received by DWR no later than 5:00 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) on October 29, 2023, in order to be considered. Please include the name, address, and telephone number of a contact person for all future correspondence on this subject. Please mail or email your written comments or questions to DWR's contact listed below.

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AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Once circulated, the IS/MND may be viewed at the following locations:

- On the web: <https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices>
- DWR West Sacramento Office: 3500 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691

Please check in with the DWR West Sacramento office security desk during regular hours of operation, Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

For more information on the project, please contact Joshua Martinez, DWR's Environmental Program Manager at (916) 281-6477, or by email at Joshua.Martinez@water.ca.gov.