

SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LOWER PUTAH CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT, NISHIKAWA REACH

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this notice is to advise you that the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed project described below.

Proposed Project: Lower Putah Creek Restoration Project, Nishikawa Reach

Project Location: Putah Creek forms the boundary between Solano County and Yolo counties from Monticello Dam to the outskirts of Davis, California. The section of Putah Creek that is central to the project site is the 2,500-foot (0.47-mile) reach of Putah Creek west of the Pedrick Road Bridge. The project area encompasses 29 acres of primarily riparian habitat between the top of the northern and southern banks of the Putah Creek channel. The project site is approximately 3.75 miles west of downtown Davis and 5.7 miles north of Dixon.

Proposed Project: SCWA proposes to restore salmon habitat along a 0.5-mile section of Putah Creek in Yolo and Solano counties. The project involves restoring a section of active channel that is currently in an over-widened condition (i.e., essentially stagnant, receiving excessive solar radiation, with long residence time of water in pools and degraded aquatic habitat). The project aims to create a narrow design channel in a more central, meandering form and to seal the existing channel to create a 0.5 mile of nearly continuous salmon spawning habitat across a gravel-rich floodplain. The project design would include grading of 9 acres to floodplain elevation, and construction of 16 riffles and several rock vanes.

The proposed project is an element of the Lower Putah Creek Restoration Project, Upper Reach Project, which proposes to restore and enhance geomorphic and ecological function on approximately 24.2 miles of Putah Creek between the Putah Diversion Dam and the Western Boundary of the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area. Because the proposed project is an element of the Program, the Supplemental IS/MND relies on the *Program Environmental Impact Report for the Lower Putah Creek Restoration Project – Upper Reach Program*, which was certified by SCWA in May 2016.

Significant Effects on the Environment: A Supplemental Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Supplemental IS/MND) was prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15070 – 15073. The Supplemental IS/MND finds that implementation of feasible mitigation measures would either avoid or reduce all impacts to a less-than-significant level.

Public Review: The 30-day public review period would start on 3/3/2023, and end on 4/2/2023. Please submit any comments in writing that you may have on the draft

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Supplemental IS/MND by 5:00 PM 4/2/2023, via email to Gpoore@scwa2.com or via standard mail to the following address:

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Address Where Document is Available for Public Review: The Supplemental IS/MND can be reviewed and downloaded online at <https://www.scwa2.com/about-us/environmental-permit-compliance-documents/>. A hardcopy version of the Draft Supplemental IS/MND is also available for review at the SCWA, 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA 95688.

Questions? If you have any questions regarding this project or the Notice of Intent, please contact Gavin Poore at Gpoore@scwa2.com or (707) 451-6090.