

## Notice of Determination

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## Appendix D

**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number:** 2007121110

**Project Title:** Waste Discharge Requirements for San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority and United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation Surface Water Discharges from the Grassland Bypass Project

**Project Location:** Grassland Drainage Area in Fresno and Merced Counties (see Figure)

### Project Description:

The project is the issuance of Waste Discharge Requirements to regulate discharges of stormwater and subsurface agricultural drainage from the Grassland Bypass Project to surface water. The project regulates the Water Authority and Bureau of Reclamation. The project relies upon the Final Addendum to the Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Grassland Bypass Project, 2010-2019 adopted by the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority on October 10, 2019. The Addendum has been challenged, and therefore under Public Resources Code section 21167.3,

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subdivision (b), the Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Central Valley Water Board), as a responsible agency, shall assume that the environmental impact report for the project does comply with CEQA. The Central Valley Water Board has considered the Addendum to the 2009 Final EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project.

This is to advise that the Central Valley Water Board has approved the above described project on December 5, 2019 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. An Addendum to the 2009 Final EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project was prepared for this Project by the Lead Agency pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
2. The Addendum concluded that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163 or Public Resources Code section 21166 have occurred as a result of the proposed Project modifications.
3. A mitigation monitoring program, prepared pursuant to Public Resource Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15096, was originally adopted for this Project. Mitigation measures re-adopted and refined as part of the modified Project are set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted in connection with the Lead Agency's approval of the modified Project on October 10, 2019.
4. The CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations made in connection with certification of the 2009 Final EIS/EIR remain valid and appropriate for the Project as modified.

This is to certify that the Addendum to the Final 2009 EIS/EIR with comments and responses and record of Project approval is available to the general public at: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, 842 Sixth Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.



Sue McConnell, Supervising Water Resource Control Engineer  
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Date: 12/12/19

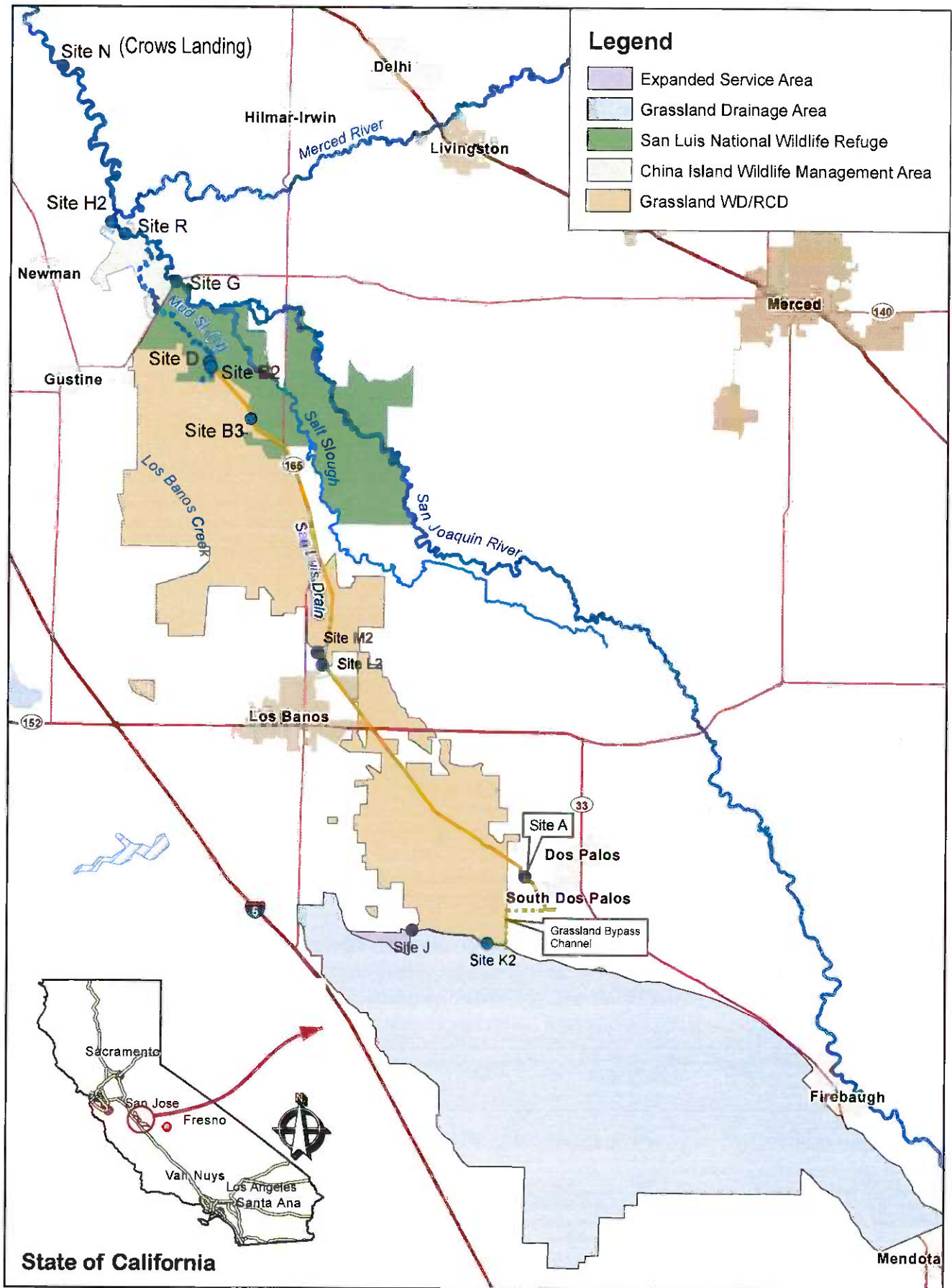
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Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.  
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.



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