

YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA)/NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION SOUTH CANAL DIVERSION WATER SUPPLY AND FISH PASSAGE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT: ANNUAL MAINTENANCE

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, YWA prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the South Canal Diversion Water Supply and Fish Passage Enhancement Project: Annual Maintenance

Project Title: South Canal Diversion Water Supply and Fish Passage Enhancement Project: Annual Maintenance

Project Location: The Proposed Project site is located on the south bank of the lower Yuba River, approximately 1,500 feet upstream of Daguerre Point Dam.

Project Description: The project includes annual maintenance of a river channel that was reconstructed in 2018 under a previous IS/MND (SCH 2018062047). The river channel is located upstream of the South Canal Diversion and requires annual maintenance to ensure water supply reliability and enhanced fish passage. The project involves six phases: (1) mobilization; (2) temporary access ramp installation; (3) construction of temporary berms to decrease turbidity and protect fish; (4) river alluvium excavation; (5) spreading excavated river alluvium on the adjacent gravel bar; (6) cobble lining and rootwad installation, if necessary; and (7) site clean-up and demobilization.

Maintenance work would occur annually, as needed, from April through August. Depending on storm events it is possible that up to two maintenance events would be needed each year, although it is unlikely. Due to the potential for severe impacts on water supply and agriculture, YCWA proposes to allow work to proceed outside of the typical work windows (i.e., between recession of winter/spring runoff and the start of irrigation season), as needed. This time period between runoff and the start of irrigation season typically occurs during the month of April through early May. If the annual maintenance occurs before July 1, a fish avoidance plan will be adhered to as a means to avoid all listed fish species with the potential to occur in the project area.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments.

Interested persons can review the MND at the following physical location:

**Yuba County
Yuba County Clerk**

**915 8th Street
Suite 107
Marysville, CA 95901**

The Draft IS/MND can be accessed online at the following location:

- <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Recent> with State Clearinghouse #2018062047 ; or
- <https://www.yubawater.org/DocumentCenter>

To request a PDF version of the document please contact Hailey Avery at:

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The comment period on the IS/MND closes on February 27, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

Please submit comments to Ryan McNally, YCWA Director of Water Resources and Flood Risk Reduction at: rmcnally@yubawater.org

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Intent to Consider Adoption of MND: On March 7, 2023 at 9:00 am, YCWA will consider adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Proposed Project pursuant to CEQA.