

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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Project Title: B.F. Sisk Dam Safety of Dams Modification Project  
Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources Contact Person: Sara Paiva-Lowry  
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City: Sacramento Zip: 94236-0001 County: Sacramento

**Project Location:** County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Santa Nella, Los Banos  
Cross Streets: Basalt Road, Gonzaga Road Zip Code: 95322  
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 03 ' 56.60 " N / 121 ° 04 ' 19.00 " W Total Acres: 4,243  
Assessor's Parcel No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_  
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy#: 152, 33 Waterways: San Luis Reservoir, O'Neill Forebay, San Luis Canal, Delta-Mendota Canal  
Airports: NA Railways: NA Schools: NA

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) 2009091004  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: NA

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Industrial: Sq. ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational Campground and recreational day use  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Water Facilities: Type Dam safety MGD  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
modifications

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:** Exclusive Agriculture, General Agriculture (Merced County)

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**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

DWR certified an EIS/EIR in 2019, which assessed an approved project that involves making improvements to the downstream side of the existing dam to enhance its stability and increasing the dam crest height to reduce the potential for dam failure from water overtopping the dam if seismic-induced slumping were to occur. Since that time, DWR has identified modifications to the approved project and a Draft SEIR has been prepared to address the environmental effects of these modifications. In summary, these modifications include:

- New impact areas associated with development of a new permanent public campground on the northwestern shore of O'Neill Forebay;
- Modification to the San Luis Creek Day Use Area at O'Neill Forebay;
- Addition of two on-site borrow areas as sources of earth fill material for the dam improvements;
- Minor expansion of the contractor work areas that were not evaluated by the 2019 EIS/EIR; and
- Modifications to construction assumptions.

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>10</u>               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                         |
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 15, 2021 Ending Date July 29, 2021

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Jerry Snow Date: 6/8/2021

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