

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number:	2019119073
Project Title:	Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta ("Soil Project")

<p>Project Applicant and Responsible Agency:</p>	<p>Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority 980 9th Street, Suite 2400 Sacramento, CA 95814 Contact: Graham Bradner Phone: (916) 347-0486</p>
<p>Project Location:</p>	<p>The planned work for the Soil Project will occur within the legal Delta in Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Solano, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties. More specifically, the study area at issue in the Soil Project includes a portion of the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta, encompassing the area from south of the City of West Sacramento to just north of Bethany Reservoir, and stretches from east of Interstate 5 to west of State Route 160 (River Road).</p>
<p>Project Description:</p>	<p>On or about July 9, 2020, the California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) (1) adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) for the Soil Project; and (2) approved the Soil Project. Subsequently, on or about February 19, 2021, DWR adopted an Addendum to the MND, which analyzed proposed changes to the Soil Project including a refinement of the soil investigation sites at issue in the Soil Project. The Soil Project entails the conducting of soil investigations for the purpose of measuring physical properties of the soils, analyzing the location of the groundwater table, and studying other typical geologic and geotechnical parameters that will be used to inform and evaluate alternatives, consistent with Executive Order N-10-19, for a proposed single tunnel Delta conveyance project (requiring separate environmental review under CEQA), consistent with Governor Gavin Newsom’s new approach to modernize Delta water conveyance.</p> <p>The primary objective of the Soil Project is to determine the composition, location, and geotechnical properties of soil materials commonly found in the Delta which would inform the design, environmental analysis, and development of alternatives for a potential Delta conveyance project and to increase DWR’s overall understanding of Delta geology. The planned work includes overwater and land-based soil borings, cone penetration tests (CPTs), and geophysical surveys.</p> <p>On or about January 20, 2022, the Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority approved a professional services agreement (“Agreement”) for geotechnical exploration and reporting services in connection with the Soil Project.</p>
<p>Person or entity undertaking the project pursuant to Public Resources Code section 21065</p>	<p>Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority approved the Agreement as a Responsible Agency for the Soil Project.</p>

This is to advise that, on or about January 20, 2022, Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority, as a Responsible Agency for the Soil Project, considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the Addendum to the MND for the Soil Project (State Clearinghouse No. 2019119073); approved a professional services agreement for geotechnical exploration and reporting services in connection with the Soil Project; and made the following determinations regarding the Task Order and the Soil Project (collectively, the "Project"):

1.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A mitigated negative declaration was prepared for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the Project.
4.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A mitigation monitoring or reporting plan was adopted for the Project.
5.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final mitigated negative declaration and the addendum to the MND for the Soil Project, the Agreement, and the record of proceedings relating to the DCA's approval of the Soil Project is available to the General Public at the following location:

Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority
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<p>Date: <u>2/4/2022</u></p>	 <p>signing for: Graham Bradner, Executive Director, Delta Conveyance Design and Construction Joint Powers Authority</p>
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Date Received for Filing: _____

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