
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

DATE: December 11, 2020
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations
SUBJECT: **Yuba City Boat Ramp Sediment Removal Project**

The Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Yuba City Boat Ramp Sediment Removal Project (Proposed Project). SBFCA has directed the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The Project Area includes the confluence of the Feather and Yuba rivers and the Yuba City Boat Ramp facility, comprising Assessor Parcel No. 52-570-006, and the surrounding lands on the west bank of the Feather River. The Project area includes the northernmost wastewater ponds of the Marysville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) owned and operated by the City of Marysville. The Yuba City Boat Ramp facility is within the incorporated city of Yuba City, but owned by Sutter County Levee District 1 and operated by Sutter County General Services. A small portion of the confluence is within Yuba County as well.

Project Description: Sediment buildup in portions of the Feather River, exacerbated by the Oroville Dam Spillway incident of 2017, has created dangerous conditions for recreational users, made some boat launch facilities nearly unusable, and has hampered public safety as it has affected emergency vessel launching capabilities. The Proposed Project will improve access to the Feather River and Yuba River by removing sediment at and near the Yuba City Boat Ramp facility. The Project has received funding from the California Natural Resource Agency through Proposition 68 to remove sediment for safety purposes, to restore recreation access to the Feather River, and to restore fish passage at the confluence of the Feather and Yuba Rivers. Restoring river access and fish passage conditions at the boat ramp will also have regional economic benefits, as guided and private fishing trips (heavily curtailed by river and launch conditions) bring commerce to local restaurants, hotels, and other businesses. The Proposed Project would include the following: maintenance dredging of the boat ramp/boat area and the confluence of the Feather River and the Yuba River; dewatering the dredged material in the existing northernmost wastewater ponds at the former Marysville Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) proposed by the City of Marysville for decommissioning; and disposal of the dredged material. The Project includes the planned removal of 65,600 cubic yards (cy) of dredged material within a 14-acre area as part of restoration, protection and development of river parkways in accordance with the California River Parkways Grant Program. Dredging of an additional approximately 250,000 cy within another 14-acre area immediately downstream to further restore fish passage and improve flow conveyance at the confluence of the Yuba and Feather Rivers could potentially be funded by other sources. Therefore, Phase 1 of the Project would involve removal of the originally planned 65,600 cy, and Phase 2 of the Project would involve the additional 250,000 cy if additional funding becomes available, for a total of 315,600 cy.

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Draft EIR Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the Draft EIR will extend for 45 days **starting December 11, 2020 and ending January 25, 2021**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, printed hard copies will not be available to the public. However, the Draft EIR can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<http://sutterbutteflood.org/resources/notices>

Comments/Questions:

Comments and/or questions regarding the EIR may be directed to:

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