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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE VALLECITOS CHANNEL MAINTENANCE PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for Alameda County Water District's (District's) Vallecitos Channel Maintenance Project (Proposed Project) has been completed and is available for public review. The IS/MND is available for review on the District website at <https://www.acwd.org/128/Public-Notices>.

The public may also request a copy of the IS/MND by contacting Kerri Smyth at (510) 668-4486 or by email at kerri.smyth@acwd.com.

The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Project Name: Vallecitos Channel Maintenance Project

Project Sponsor and CEQA Lead Agency: Alameda County Water District, 43885 South Grimmer Boulevard, Fremont, CA 94538; phone (510) 668-4200

Project Description: The Vallecitos Channel is a critical component of the District's water supply system that provides potable water to the District's customers. The engineered earthen channel extends nearly 12,000 linear feet from the California Department of Water Resources South Bay Aqueduct turnout to Vallecitos Creek. Under existing conditions, the channel requires maintenance to restore its designed conveyance capacity. The Project will address existing bank erosion along the channel and includes five primary treatments: (1) vegetation and sediment management; (2) bioengineering bank stabilization treatments; (3) partial toe rock slope protection (RSP); (4) full RSP; and (5) repair of grouted RSP at existing drop structures. The Project also includes upland drainage improvements and wetland/riparian habitat enhancement in portions of the channel.

Project Location: Vallecitos Channel is located in unincorporated Alameda County, south of State Route 84 (Vallecitos Road), and north of San Antonio Reservoir. The Project area includes approximately 7,980 linear feet of the channel, the District's maintenance road, and right-of-way. The Proposed Project would occur on public property owned by ACWD as well as private property. The project site is not located on any list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code (concerning hazardous materials).

Public Review and Comment Period: In accordance with the time limits provided for by state law, the public review period will extend from **March 17, 2021** to **April 17, 2021**. Comments must be received by **April 17, 2021**. Comments may be sent in hard copy or via email to:

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Public Meeting / Board Approval: It is expected that the ACWD Board of Directors will consider adopting the final IS/MND, which will reflect comments received on the draft document, at their regular meeting on May 13, 2021, at 6 p.m. Agendas are posted at <https://www.acwd.org/351/Meetings-Agendas-Minutes>.