RECLAMATION DISTRICT 2092

NOTICE OF INTENT

TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Crows Landing River Ranch Restoration Project

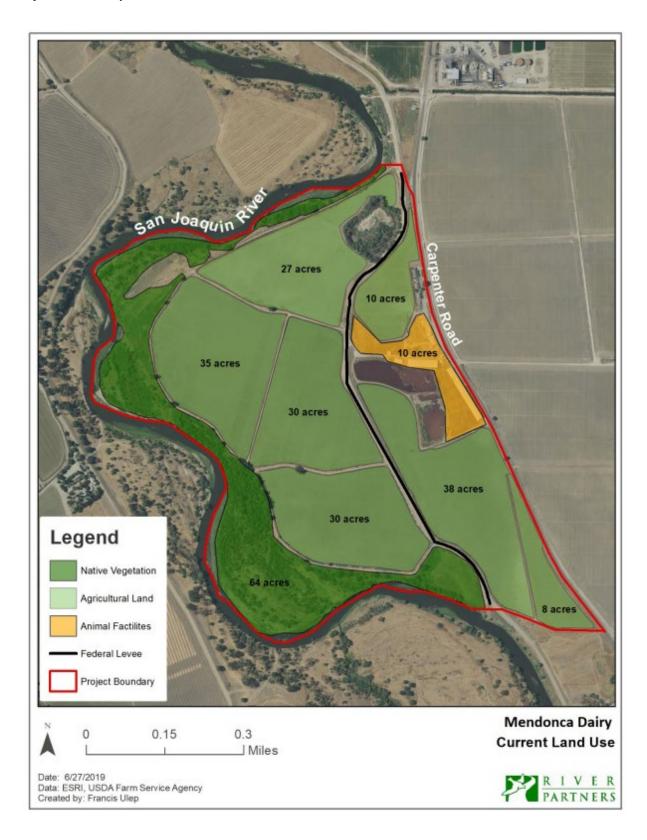**Project Location:** 12467 S. Carpenter Road, Modesto, CA 95313

APN Number: 058-002-011

Project Description:

This Project aims to restore ecological processes and native riparian vegetation on approximately 195 acres of agricultural fields along the San Joaquin River. The primary goal of the Project is to improve connectivity and habitat quality for anadromous fish and other sensitive species. This will be achieved through improved floodplain inundation, frequency, and residence time; improved stream quality and habitat productivity; increased cool water refugia and improved food web productivity to benefit fish and other riparian-dependent wildlife. Project work will establish native vegetation, modify an existing farmer berm to reconnect historic floodplains and allow natural river process, and grade a swale to maintain flood conveyance and minimize fish entrapment risks. Reconnection of this acreage to the San Joaquin River will allow flooding for habitat benefits and transient floodwater storage. Native vegetation will be established using standard agricultural techniques including site preparation, drip and furrow irrigation, as well as chemical and mechanical weed control.

The public review period for the respective proposed Negative Declaration based on the Initial Study for the Crows Landing River Ranch Restoration Project will begin on <u>**May 12, 2021**</u> **and end on** <u>**June 11, 2021.**</u> You are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the proposed Negative Declaration. You may do so by submitting written comments to Reclamation District 2092 priori to the end of the review period. Copies of the restoration plan, environmental documents and all reference documents associated with the project are available for review upon request through Reclamation District 2092 by contacting Maggie Blankinship, Secretary for RD 2092 at mblankinship@riverpartners.org.

Project Detail Map:

Legend

- Native Vegetation
- Agricultural Land
- Animal Factilites
- Federal Levee
- Project Boundary

San Joaquin River

Carpenter Road

27 acres
10 acres
35 acres
10 acres
30 acres
38 acres
30 acres
64 acres
8 acres

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Mendonca Dairy
Current Land Use

Date: 6/27/2019
Data: ESRI, USDA Farm Service Agency
Created by: Francis Ulep

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Project Vicinity Map:

Legend:
- Mendonca Dairy
- Grayson River Ranch
- San Joaquin NWR
- Hidden Valley Ranch
- Dos Rios Ranch

Planning and Permitting for Floodplain Design at Mendonca Dairy

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Date: 10/27/2019
Data: USDA, Esri, USGS, River Partners
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