

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** Mud Slough Restoration Project

Lead Agency: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Contact Person: Joseph C. McGahan, Drainage Coordinator  
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 City: Los Banos, CA Zip: 93635 County: Merced

**Project Location:** County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Gustine  
 Cross Streets: Brazo Road and Canal School Road Zip Code: 95360

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N / \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: 1.4  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 054-030-001, 054-070-001, 054-080-008 Section: 26 Twp.: 9S Range: 9E Base: MDB&M  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 140 and 33 Waterways: Los Banos Creek, Mud Slough and San Joaquin River  
 Airports: Gustine Municipal Airport Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: none

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  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: CDFW, SWRCB, USACE

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: wetland, upland and riparian habitat  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_

**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: GHGs

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Merced County General Plan: Agricultural Zoning: Exclusive Agricultural (A-2)

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

The Proposed Project objective is to restore and enhance wildlife habitat on the China Island Unit of the North Grasslands Wildlife Management Area and on the Newman Land Company property by reestablishing Mud Slough flows to portions of those lands that were isolated from Mud Slough as a result of the Grassland Bypass Project. The Proposed Project would replace the water supplies to Newman Lake through the restoration of the hydrologic connection between Mud Slough and the Lake. Natural erosion effects of flow in Mud Slough have caused the normal water level to drop to approximately four feet below the Newman Lake water level. Therefore, hydraulic modification is required. Structures previously installed on China Island will be removed.

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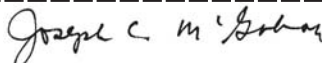
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<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date June 30, 2021 Ending Date July 30, 2021

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 06-25-21

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