



California Department of Water Resources

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY- MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: All Interested Parties

From: California Department of Water Resources
California Aqueduct Subsidence Program
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PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: California Aqueduct, San Luis Canal Geotechnical Investigations Project
LEAD AGENCY: California Department of Water Resources
PROJECT AREA: San Luis Field Division, Kings and Fresno Counties
PROJECT TYPE: Geotechnical Investigations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), as the lead state agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has prepared an Initial Study (IS) with the intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Proposed California Aqueduct, San Luis Canal Geotechnical Investigations Project (Proposed Project). The U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and DWR are proposing to jointly implement the Proposed Project, therefore, an Environmental Assessment (EA) has also been prepared to satisfy the requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION: The Proposed Project is to perform up to 520 geotechnical investigations adjacent to and within the right-of-way of Pools 17, 18, 20 and 21 of the California Aqueduct, San Luis Canal.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The EA/IS-MND describes potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, and geology and soils. Mitigation measures have been included to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. All other resource areas evaluated were found to have no impact or to be less than significant.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The EA/IS-MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, beginning July 9, 2021 and ending August 9, 2021. Written comments should be submitted and received no later than 5:00 P.M, Pacific Standard Time, on August 9, 2021. Written comments should be sent to: *CASP Environmental Compliance, 1416 Ninth Street, Room 452-1, Sacramento, CA 95814*, or email comments to: casp_rehab@water.ca.gov.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Hardcopies of the EA/IS-MND have been delivered to the following libraries:

- San Joaquin Branch Library, 8781 South Main Street, San Joaquin, CA 93660
- Kettleman City Branch Library, 104 Becky Pease Street, Kettleman City, CA 93239

An electronic copy is also posted on the web at <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Engineering-AndConstruction/Subsidence/CanalEmbankment>

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the EA/IS-MND, please contact:

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