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**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
and
Notice of Availability of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the
Hood Abandoned Pipes and Conduit Removal Project**

Notice is hereby given that the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Integrated Science and Engineering, Environmental Services Branch and Fisheries Infrastructure and Operations Branch intend to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Hood Abandoned Pipes and Conduit Removal Project.

Notice is hereby given that the Draft Initial Study (IS) and Proposed MND prepared by DWR have been released for a 37-day public review.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is proposing to implement the Hood Abandoned Pipes and Conduit Removal Project (Proposed Project) specifically to remove remnants of an abandoned fish screen testing facility. Various portions of the abandoned fish screen testing facility have been removed between the 1980s and present; however, some Proposed Project components remain in place and are in various states of disrepair. This document represents DWR's evaluation of the potential environmental impacts of the Proposed Project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and is intended to satisfy the responsibilities of the lead agency under CEQA for a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Project Title: Hood Abandoned Pipes and Conduit Removal Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location: The Proposed Project site is located at the southern edge of Sacramento County in the community of Hood, California at 38.3673 N and -121.5200 W and located in the Courtland CA 7.5-minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle, directly west of Section 14, Township 6N Range 4E. The Proposed Project site is adjacent to California State Route 160 (SR 160) on the east bank of the Sacramento River.

Project Description and Purpose: The Proposed Project is a 1.25-acre area comprised of a graveled levee crown, Sacramento River levee bank, and a portion of the Sacramento River. The Proposed Project involves the removal of remnant features of the abandoned fish screen testing facility. This includes removal of above- and below- ground remnant facility features, excavation of remnant pipes, septic facilities within the levee crown, levee crest and Sacramento River. Final stages consist of fill and compaction of excavated features, and recontouring and armoring (installation of rock-slope protection) of the Sacramento River levee to the contours and conditions that existed prior to the installation of the fish screen testing facility. The staging and access will be achieved by utilizing land and water entrances via SR 160 and the Sacramento River.

The Proposed Project will restore the levee to its original contour and grade prior to the installation of the facility and reduce the risk of catastrophic flooding for the people and property in the California Central Valley. The Proposed Project will also comply with the California Water Code, Division 5, Part 4, Title 23 of the California Code of Regulations Section 124. Implementation of the Proposed Project will take approximately 3 months to construct and is scheduled to occur in the late summer to mid-fall of 2022.

Environmental Review: This Draft IS and Proposed MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 37 days, starting on March 30, 2022, through May 5, 2022. Note that the review period has been extended 7 days from April 28, 2022 to May 5, 2022. The Draft IS and Proposed MND can be reviewed at the following website:

<https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices>

Paper copies of the Draft IS and Proposed MND are available for review during normal business hours at:

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Submittal of Comments:

Comments regarding the Draft IS and Proposed MND should be submitted in writing to:

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Comments are due no later than 5 p.m. local time on May 5, 2022.

If comments are provided via email, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in Microsoft Word format, and include the commenter's U.S. Postal Service mailing address.

PRIVACY NOTICE: All comments received will be made available for public review in their entirety, including the names and addresses of the respondents. Individual respondents may request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure. DWR will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment.