



Notice of Intent To Adopt A Negative Declaration

NOTICE is hereby given that the County of Sacramento, State of California intends to adopt a Negative Declaration for the project described below.

Title: Stone Lakes Restoration Project

Control Number: PLER2019-00135

Location: The project site is located within and adjacent to the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), headquartered at 1624 Hood Franklin Road in western Sacramento County, southwest of the City of Elk Grove, within the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The project site falls directly south of Hood Franklin Road and north of Lambert Road. The Stone Lakes NWR is located approximately one mile west of I-5 and west of a drainage canal. Specifically, work would occur within the Refuge Headquarter Units 7b, 8a, 8b, and 9, within the Refuge Sun River Units 1 and 7-11, and on private property.

APN: 132-0120-099, 132-0120-100, and 132-0210-048 (USFWS properties); 132-0210-006 (privately owned Serra Family Trust)

General Description: The Stone Lakes Restoration Project (project or proposed project) is located within the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), bordered by Railroad Cut to the west, Hood Franklin Road to the north, Interstate 5 to the east, and Lambert Road to the South. Although located within the Stone Lakes NWR boundary, the central 45-acre seasonal wetland enhancement and restoration project area is privately owned and managed by the Serra Family Trust (Serra Property). The other project enhancement and restoration areas are owned by the USFWS, including project activities proposed within Headquarters units 7b, 8a, 8b, and 9 on the north side of the Stone Lakes NWR and in Ponds 1 and 7-11 in the Sun River Unit, located on the southern side of the Stone Lakes NWR. Stone Lake, riparian and wetland habitat, and privately-owned agricultural land consisting predominantly of row crops are located adjacent to the project area. The various properties and restoration areas discussed above are displayed in Plate IS-2. The County of Sacramento is serving as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for a proposed grading permit for the project. USFWS is serving as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Lead Agency for proposed improvements within the NWR.

Review:

The review period for the Negative Declaration begins on **4/5/22** and ends on **5/5/22**. The Negative Declaration may be reviewed at www.per.saccounty.net and at the following location:

**Sacramento County
Office of Planning and Environmental Review
827 7th Street, Room 225
Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 874-6141**

Comments regarding the Negative Declaration should be directed to the Sacramento County Environmental Coordinator and emailed to CEQA@saccounty.net or mailed to 827 7th Street, Room 225, Sacramento,

California, 95814. Failure to do so will not preclude your right to testify at a future public hearing for the proposed project. The date, time, and place of the public hearing is presently unknown. A notice providing the date, time, and place of the public hearing will be provided by the hearing body authorized to conduct the public hearing for the proposed project.