



Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21008 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Central Valley Region, Redding Office
364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205
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Date: 10 May 2023

State Clearinghouse Number:

2022120577

Project Title:

Kopta Slough Multi-Benefit Project (WDID No. 5A52CR00229)

Project Location - Specific:

The project is located along the Sacramento River in the vicinity of Kopta Slough between river mile (RM) 219 and 222 in Tehama County, California. The project coordinates are as follows: Latitude: 39.936° and Longitude: -122.098°.

Project Location - County:

Tehama County

Name of Applicant:

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California Department of Water Resources
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Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The purpose of the proposed project is to restore Sacramento River floodplain habitat and hydrologic and geomorphic connection function in the vicinity of Kopta Slough between river mile (RM) 219 and 222. The objectives are:

- Restore, enhance, and conserve floodplain habitat;
- Restore hydrologic and geomorphic function;
- Improve fish and wildlife habitat;

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- Reduce flood management system operation and maintenance costs and responsibilities; and
- Facilitate the enhancement of recreation opportunities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

This is to advise that the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board, as Responsible Agency, has approved the above-described project on 9 May 2023 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board considered the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by California Department of Water Resources.
2. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration /Environmental Impact Report is available to the general public at: CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov (<http://CEQAnet.opr.ca.gov>).

The record of project approval is available to the general public at: [Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Adopted Orders Web page](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/) (https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/401_wq_certs/).

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