

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HERE GIVEN that, as lead agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Solano Resource Conservation District (Solano RCD): 1) Has concluded that, after preparing an Initial Study, the Lake Solano Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvement Project (Project) would not have a significant effect on the environment with the implementation of mitigation measures described in the Initial Study; 2) Has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project; and 3) Anticipates recommending to the Solano RCD Board of Directors that it adopt the MND.

PROJECT TITLE: Lake Solano Habitat Restoration and Public Access Improvement Project

LOCATION: The Project will occur at Lake Solano Park (Park) which is located on the south bank of Putah Creek in Solano County approximately 4.5 miles southwest of the town of Winters. Most of the proposed Project work will be on 19 acres in the upland areas of the Park above the upper day use parking lot. Limited Project work (consisting solely of interpretive and way finding signage) will also occur in the riparian corridor of Putah Creek in the Park's day use area. Project work is centered at a latitude of 38.490327° and a longitude of -122.027885°.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the Project is to restore wildlife and native plant habitat, improve public access and recreational opportunities, and provide visitors with interpretive and educational materials. The Project proposes to plant up to 2,265 native trees, shrubs, and subshrubs, up to 20,000 native forb plugs, and up to 300 pounds of native grass and wildflower seed on 19 acres in the upland terraces located above the upper day use parking lot. Within this restored area, a half-acre native plant demonstration garden will be installed, including 670 feet of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) accessible trail with two decomposed granite (DG) pads, and 10-15 plant identification signs. A simple shade structure with a gravel pad will be installed at the highest elevation of the Park and will provide an overlook point for Park visitors and elementary school students on field trips. Park signage will be improved in the upland areas of the Park above the upper day use parking lot and in the Park's main day use area with the installation of 10-15 small wayfinding signs, 10-15 interpretive panels, and two kiosks.

PUBLIC REVIEW: The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be downloaded from Solano RCD's website at: <https://www.solanorcd.org/resources/public-notice-ceqa.html> These documents may also be reviewed at the Solano RCD office located at: 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA 95620. Please call (707) 678-1655 ext. 107 to arrange an appointment during business hours (Monday-Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.).

REVIEW PERIOD: The 30-day public review period begins March 3, 2023 and ends on April 2, 2023.

CONTACT: Please send your written comments during the review period to: Katherine Holmes, Solano RCD; 1170 North Lincoln Street, Suite 110, Dixon, CA 95620; katherine.holmes@solanorcd.org. When sending comments, please include the commenter's name, U.S. Postal Service mailing address, phone number and e-mail address.

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 65962.5 The project site is not on database lists maintained by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control or the California State Water Resources Control Board for known hazardous waste facilities or disposal sites.