


Reclamation District 1601

Twitchell Island
306 Second Street
Isleton, CA 95641

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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE TWITCHELL ISLAND WETLAND ENHANCEMENT AND RESTORATION PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting scheduled for January 16, 2024, or February 20, 2024, the Board of Trustees of Reclamation District 1601, acting as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), intends to consider the approval and adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration on the environmental impacts of the project entitled "Twitchell Island Wetland Enhancement and Restoration Project."

Project Description: The Twitchell Island Wetland Enhancement and Restoration Project (Project) will enhance and restore approximately 40 acres of wetland and 80 acres of riparian and scrub-shrub habitat within a 185-acre Project boundary. The Project would plant native riparian tree and shrub species interspersed with native grasses and redistribute onsite soil to create a mosaic of shallow open-water habitat, habitat islands, and emergent wetland communities. Additionally, the Project would construct shallow swales, incorporate water control structures for water delivery, and include management within the improved wetland units. This project will be constructed on (entirely or a portion of) two parcels owned by the California Department of Water Resources. The property is currently used for agriculture, in particular alfalfa and cattle grazing.

Pending permit approvals, construction will take place over a two-month construction period, beginning now sooner than May 1, 2024, and ending no later than October 1, 2024.

Project Location: The Project is located approximately 3.5 miles south of Isleton and 3 miles southeast of Rio Vista, in the northern portion of Twitchell Island, just south of Sevenmile Slough. The approximate center of the site is located at Latitude 38.114785° N, Longitude -121.657261° W.

Potential Impacts. The proposed project has the potential to result in adverse impacts on the following environmental factors: biological resources, cultural resources, and tribal cultural resources. With implementation of the mitigation measures identified in this document, potential significant impacts would be avoided, minimized, reduced, or rectified to a level that is less than significant. The project would not result in a cumulatively considerable impact when considered in combination with similar projects in the region.

Hazardous Waste Lists: No known hazardous waste sites exist in the project area.

Public Review and Time for Comment: The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are available for public review and comment until 5:00 PM on December 28, 2023. Comments received after this time will not be accepted. At the above scheduled meeting, the Board of Trustees will consider the public comments and will decide whether to adopt a Board resolution approving the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Copies of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and all supporting information are available for review at the District's attorney's office during normal business hours; in addition, submit all comments to the following address:

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