

Date: December 17, 2024 Responsible and Trustee
To: Agencies and the Public Reclamation District 369
From:
Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Locke Multi-Benefit Flood Risk Reduction Planning Project

Enclosed for your review is an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) evaluating the potential environmental effects of the proposed Locke Multi-Benefit Flood Risk Reduction Planning Project (proposed project), which is located approximately 0.70-mile from the historic Delta Legacy Community of Locke, in unincorporated Sacramento County, CA. Reclamation District 369 (RD 369), as lead agency for the proposed project, has prepared this IS/MND in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

The levees protecting the community of Locke do not meet current, modern levee design standards to provide a 100-year level of flood protection. RD 369 requires collection of data to prepare a plan for multi-benefit flood risk reduction, ecosystem restoration and recreation enhancements within and adjoining the Delta Meadows State Park Property and the nearby Delta Cross Channel. As part of the planning effort to identify multi-benefit flood risk reduction, RD 369 is proposing to conduct geotechnical exploration borings to evaluate the condition of the structure and composition within the Meadows Cross Slough right bank levee (segment TMXS-R). In addition, bathymetric surveys would be conducted along either side of levee segment TMXS-R for 100 feet waterward beyond the waters-edge of the waterward levee slopes, to obtain information on underwater topographic features. The proposed project would also replace an existing 10-inch sub-standard temporary drainage pipeline that is temporarily laid over levee segment TMXS-R with a new permanent 12-inch pipeline to be constructed within the earthen embankment section of levee, remove two abandoned and buried corroded steel pipelines within the levee, replace an existing 5 horsepower (HP) electric pump with an upgraded 5 or 7.5 HP electric pump, and place aggregate base along the entire levee crown. Additionally, tree trimming would occur as needed to facilitate ground disturbing activities and geotechnical borings, where access for equipment is needed. The IS/MND identifies potentially significant impacts related to the proposed project. All potentially significant impacts are reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study.

The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a minimum 30-day period beginning on December 17, 2024, and ending on January 17, 2025. The IS/MND may be reviewed at the following link [Locke Multi-Benefit FRRPP ISMND](#) or at the Locke Boarding House Museum at 13916 Main Street, Locke, CA 95690 on Tuesdays and Fridays from noon to 4:00pm or Saturdays and Sundays from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. The document is also available for review at the Walnut Grove Library, 14177 Market Street, Walnut Grove, California, 95641, Tuesdays through Saturdays, from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Please send written comments on the IS/MND to Clarence Chu, RD 369, P.O. Box 987, Walnut Grove, CA 95690. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to ckchu52@comcast.net and epappalardo@dccceng.net. For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address. All comments must be received by RD 369 no later than 5 p.m. on January 17, 2025.

The RD 369 Board of Directors intends to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its scheduled board meeting to be held during the week of January 27, 2025, at the Locke Chinese School Museum 13920 Main Street, Locke, CA (916)776-1661. This meeting will be open to the public.