

**Date:** May 28, 2014

**To:** Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

**Subject: NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BETHANY RESERVOIR SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has directed the preparation of an initial study (IS) and intends to adopt a mitigated negative declaration (MND) for the Bethany Reservoir Sediment Removal Project (proposed project) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines.

**Project Title:** Bethany Reservoir Sediment Removal Project

**Lead Agency:** DWR, Division of Operations and Maintenance

**Project Location:** Bethany Reservoir is located in northeastern Alameda County, approximately 10 miles northwest of the city of Tracy and 20 miles northeast of the city of Livermore.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of removing accumulated sediment at the submerged intake structure and placing the sediment at the South Bay Pumping Plant disposal site.

**Environmental Review Process:** DWR has directed the preparation of an IS/MND on the proposed project in accordance with the requirements of CEQA. The IS/MND describes the proposed project and provides an assessment of the proposed project's potential significant adverse impacts on the environment. It concludes that the proposed project would not have any significant adverse effects on the environment after implementation of mitigation measures.

**Public Review Period:** The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a review period of 30 days starting on May 28, 2014. Written comments should be submitted and received at the following address no later than close of business (4:00 p.m.) on June 27, 2014.

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**To Review or Obtain a Copy of the Environmental Document:** Copies of the IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations:

DWR's Web site: <http://www.oandm.water.ca.gov/>

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