

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is proposing to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Salado Creek Channel Maintenance Project in Stanislaus County. The proposed project involves removing accumulated sediment and vegetation from the concrete overchute structure and adjacent portions of Salado Creek in order to restore flow conditions within the waterway. DWR plans to adopt the MND on January 4, 2016. Information regarding the MND and public comment period is listed below.

Project Title: Salado Creek Channel Maintenance Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Location: The proposed project is located at the intersection of Salado Creek with the California Aqueduct, approximately 3 miles southwest of the city of Patterson, longitude 121° 9' 6.868"W, latitude 37° 25' 35.673"N, in Stanislaus County, Patterson 7.5 minute USGS Quadrangle, Section 12, Township 6.0 South, Range 7.0 East

Project Description: Maintenance of the Salado Creek overchute and adjacent portions of Salado Creek has not been undertaken for approximately a decade, resulting in growth of vegetation and an accumulation of sediment above the level of the concrete structure on the upstream side. Accumulation of sediment and vegetation within and adjacent to the overchute increases the potential for water in Salado Creek to back up behind the aqueduct embankment during a storm event. DWR's Delta Field Division (DFD) proposes to remove the sediment and vegetation that has grown in and along the channel in order to return the overchute structure and adjacent portions of Salado Creek to as-built conditions and restore the capacity of the overchute to convey the natural streamflow unimpeded downstream. This work is scheduled to occur biennially, when summer creek flow conditions permit work within the channel (approximately June-November) 2016-2020.

Environmental Review: The Initial Study/Proposed MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, starting November 30, 2015 through December 29, 2015. This document will be available for review at the following locations: 1) DWR Division of Operations and Maintenance, 1416 Ninth Street, Sixth Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, or 2) DWR's website at <http://www.oandm.water.ca.gov/>

Written comments should be received at the following address no later than the close of business (5:00 pm) on December 29, 2015.

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