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**Sherman Island Belly Wetland Restoration Project – Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Dear Mr. Barton:

Thank you for including the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) in the application review for the project referenced above. Caltrans' new mission, vision, and goals signal a modernization of our approach to the California's transportation system. We review this local development for impacts to the State Highway System (SHS) in keeping with our mission, vision and goals for sustainability/livability/economy, and safety/health. We provide these comments consistent with the state's mobility goals that support a vibrant economy and build communities.

The project is 2,500 feet east and southeast of State Route 160 on Sherman Island. It is also 9.2 miles southwest of the City of Rio Vista, the Rio Vista Bridge and State Routes 12 and 160, and eight miles southwest of the City of Isleton. The project is also just north of the Antioch/Oakley Bridge and State Route 160.

The project consists of a total 1,986 acres of which 1,000 acres of wetland will be restored through re-establishment and rehabilitation. The purpose of the project is to stop or reverse subsidence, create habitat and sequester atmosphere carbon. The project is expected to provide year-round habitat for waterfowl and other wildlife. The project is also expected to provide climate benefits by sequestering atmospheric carbon that will help provide a net reduction in greenhouse gas emissions.

Pending approval, construction will start May 2019. Initial site preparation includes vegetation removal prior to earth moving activities. Construction will then start on October 15, 2019. Work will resume in May 2020 and will be completed by October 15, 2020. If work is not completed by 2020, construction will start again in May 2021.

Earth moving activities will be done by a licensed contractor, utilizing agricultural scraper and excavators to construct the site's interior and perimeter berms, loafing islands, swales and potholes, while an excavator and/or backhoe will be used to construct conveyance ditches and install necessary piping.

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Based on the Design Review received, Caltrans provides the following comments:

**Encroachment Permit**

Please be advised that any work or traffic control that encroaches on the State Right-of-Way requires an Encroachment Permit issued by Caltrans. Traffic-related mitigation measures should be incorporated into the construction plans prior to the encroachment permit process. To apply, a completed Encroachment Permit application, the adopted environment document, and five (5) sets of plans clearly indicating State Right-of-Way must be submitted to:

Permit Office  
California Department of Transportation, District 3  
703 B Street  
Marysville, CA 95901  
(530) 741-4403

See this website for more information:  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developersv/permits/>

Please provide our office with copies of any further actions regarding this project. We would appreciate the opportunity to review and comment on any changes related to this development.

If you have any questions regarding these comments or require additional information, please contact Stuart Mori, Intergovernmental Review Coordinator for the County of Sacramento by phone (530) 634-7606 or via email to [stuart.mori@dot.ca.gov](mailto:stuart.mori@dot.ca.gov).

Sincerely,



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CC: State Clearinghouse