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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE COUNTY OF MERCED STREAMS GROUP FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

To: Interested Persons

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Subject: Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Merced County (County) is the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the County of Merced Streams Group Flood Control Channel Maintenance Program (project). The project proposes the continued implementation of the flood control maintenance program and incidental routine activities for water conveyance in natural streams within Merced County. The current agreement has expired. In order to continue the program, the process requires the submission of a notification so that the proposed activities can be reviewed by the CDFW and new Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreements (SAA) can be executed.

In accordance with CEQA, the County conducted an Initial Study (IS) to evaluate the potential effects of the project. Based upon the findings contained in the IS, it is determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment, based on mitigation measures that will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. Therefore, the County intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project.

The proposed IS/MND is available for public review from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the offices of the Merced County Department of Public Works (address listed above), and will also be posted at <http://www.co.merced.ca.us/index.aspx?NID=83>. The public comment period for the IS/MND closes on May 13, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. Comments may be submitted to Joe Giulian at the above address. Emailed comments may be submitted to Jgiulian@co.merced.ca.us and should include the phrase, "County of Merced Stream Group Flood Control Channel Maintenance Program" in the subject line.