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**NOTICE OF PREPARATION
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR TISDALE WEIR
REHABILITATION AND FISH PASSAGE PROJECT
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES**

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies and Interested Parties

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Division of Flood Management proposes to construct, operate and maintain the Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project (Proposed Project) which would integrate structural rehabilitation of the Tisdale Weir along with installation of fish passage facilities to allow upstream migrating fish (salmon and sturgeon) access to the Sacramento River. The Tisdale Weir and Bypass are critical components of the Sacramento River Flood Control Project. The weir is located on the east side of the Sacramento River, south of the town of Meridian in Sutter County, and four miles west of the Sutter Bypass. Maps of the project location and project elements are attached.

Structural rehabilitation to the Tisdale Weir would include replacing southern and northern abutment walls; removing and replacing energy dissipation basin; and injection grouting and patching the weir. Fish passage facility installation would include a reconstructing the energy dissipation basin on the downstream side of the weir to facilitate fish collection and passage through a notch in the weir; installing a notch in the existing weir, installing operable gates (for flow regulation) in the notch, installing an equipment access pad and attendant facilities at the north end of the weir; an access ramp; and constructing a channel connecting the notch in the weir to the Sacramento River.

To satisfy California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (California Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.), requirements DWR, the Lead Agency under CEQA, has determined that the Proposed Project may have potentially significant impacts on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be required. This Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the proposed EIR is issued pursuant to Section 15082 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

The EIR will evaluate potential project-specific and cumulative environmental effects associated with the Proposed Project and analyze project alternatives. The Proposed Project may have potentially significant impacts on the following environmental resources including but not limited to: agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources and tribal cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, recreation, and utilities and service systems.

DWR intends for the EIR to provide environmental analysis sufficient to support the issuance of state permits and other regulatory decisions applicable to constructing, operating and maintaining the Proposed Project, including but not limited to a Streambed Alteration Agreement pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 1602, Federal Clean Water Act Section 404 Permit, Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification, and Biological Opinions. The following is a list of responsible and trustee agencies identified for this project: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; U.S. Fish and Wildlife

Service; National Marine Fisheries Service; California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Central Valley Flood Protection Board; Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board; State Historic Preservation Office; and State Lands Commission.

DWR is soliciting the views of interested persons, organizations, and agencies regarding the scope and content of the environmental information in connection with the Proposed Project. In addition, each responsible agency shall provide DWR with specific detail about the scope, significant environmental issues, reasonable alternatives, and mitigation measures related to each responsible agency's area of statutory responsibility that must be explored in the EIR. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15082(b)(1)(B), responsible and trustee agencies should indicate their respective level of responsibility for the project in their response.

This NOP will be circulated for a 30-day public notice period beginning April 15, 2019 and ending May 15, 2019. At the end of the public notice period, DWR will consider all written comments received from interested persons, organizations, and agencies in preparing the environmental analysis to be included in the EIR.

Please submit your written comments on the scope of the EIR at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 to:

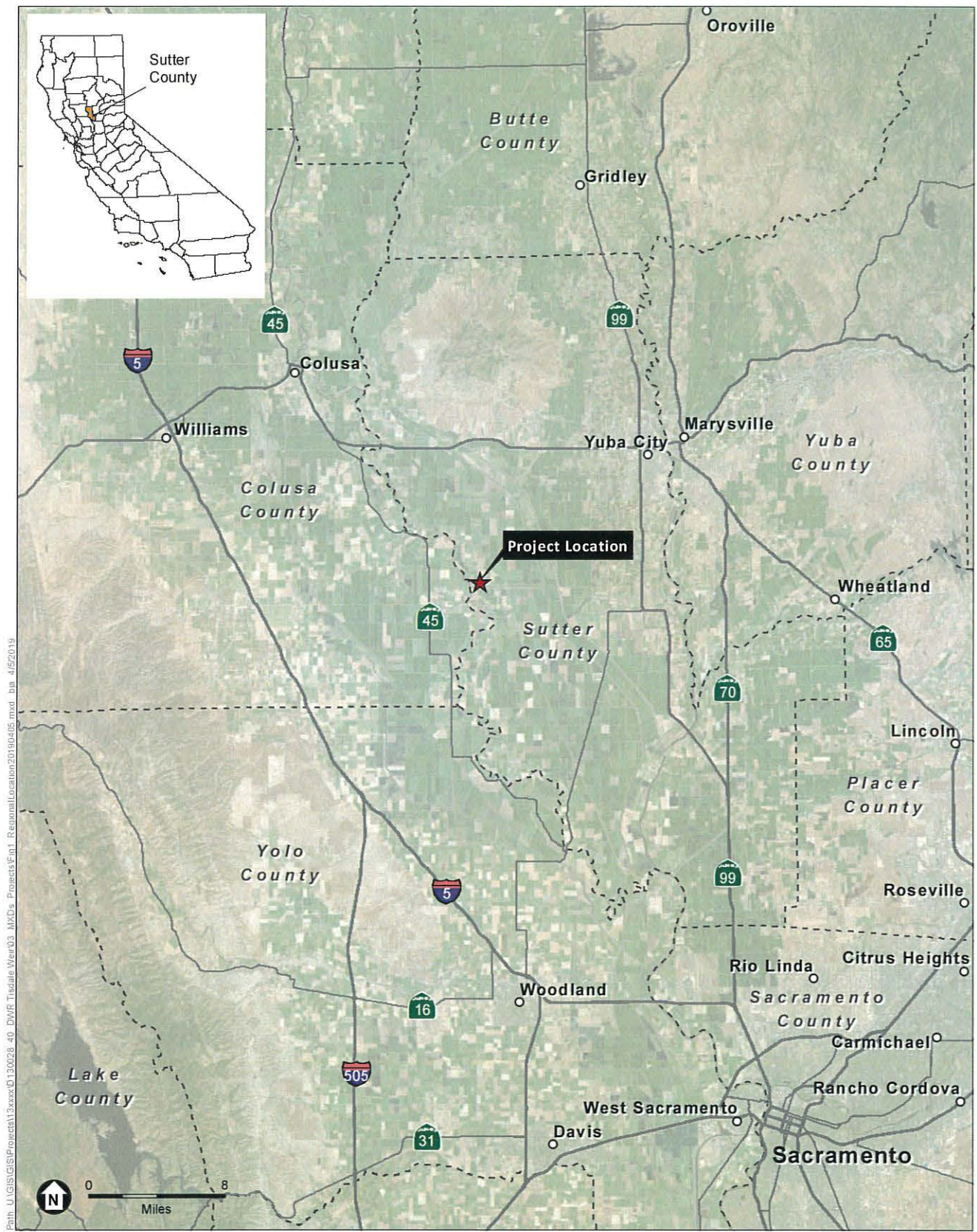
California Department of Water Resources
Division of Flood Management
Attention: Stephanie Ponce, Environmental Scientist
3310 El Camino Avenue, Room 140
Sacramento, CA 95821

Email address: TisdaleWeirRehabProject@water.ca.gov.

All comments received will be made available for public review in their entirety, including the names and addresses of the respondents. Individual respondents may request that their name and/or address be withheld from public disclosure. DWR will honor such requests to the extent allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. DWR will post NOP comment letters in their entirety on the DWR web page for the Proposed Project at <https://water.ca.gov/News/Public-Notices>.

Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting will be held to receive written and oral input on the scope and content of the EIR. The scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25, 2019 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at DWR's Sutter Maintenance Yard, 6908 Colusa Highway, Sutter, CA 95982.



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SOURCE: Esri, 2015; ESA, 2019

Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project

Figure 1
Regional Location





SOURCE: USDA, 2014; DWR, 2018; ESA, 2019

Tisdale Weir Rehabilitation and Fish Passage Project

Figure 2
Project Elements