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Director

**Notice of Preparation**

May 31, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies

Re: Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects (Harkins Slough Facilities Upgrades Project and Struve Slough Project)  
SCH# 2019059130

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects (Harkins Slough Facilities Upgrades Project and Struve Slough Project) draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

**Brian Lockwood  
Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency  
36 Brennan Street  
Watsonville, CA 95076**

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research at [state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov](mailto:state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov). Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project on our website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019059130/2>.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Lead Agency

*Feb 2018*

*Santa Cruz*

**2019059130**

Resources Agency

- ☒ **Resources Agency**  
Nadell Gayou
  - ☐ **Dept. of Boating & Waterways**  
Denise Peterson
  - ☒ **California Coastal Commission**  
Allyson Hitt
  - ☐ **Colorado River Board**  
Elsa Contreras
  - ☒ **Dept. of Conservation**  
Crina Chan
  - ☐ **Cal Fire**  
Dan Foster
  - ☐ **Central Valley Flood Protection Board**  
James Herota
  - ☒ **Office of Historic Preservation**  
Ron Parsons
- ☒ **Dept of Parks & Recreation**  
Environmental Stewardship Section
  - ☐ **S.F. Bay Conservation & Dev't. Comm.**  
Steve Goldbeck
  - ☐ **Dept. of Water Resources**  
Resources Agency  
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- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 4**  
Julie Vance
- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 5**  
Leslie Newton-Reed  
Habitat Conservation Program
- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 6**  
Tiffany Ellis  
Habitat Conservation Program
- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 6 I/M**  
Heidi Calvert  
Inyo/Mono, Habitat Conservation Program
- ☐ **Dept. of Fish & Wildlife M**  
William Paznokas  
Marine Region

Other Departments

- ☐ **California Department of Education**  
Lesley Taylor
- ☐ **OES (Office of Emergency Services)**  
Monique Wilber
- ☐ **Food & Agriculture**  
Sandra Schubert  
Dept. of Food and Agriculture
- ☐ **Dept. of General Services**  
Cathy Buck  
Environmental Services Section
- ☐ **Housing & Comm. Dev.**  
CEQA Coordinator  
Housing Policy Division

Fish and Wildlife

- ☐ **Depart. of Fish & Wildlife**  
Scott Flint  
Environmental Services Division
- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 1**  
Curt Babcock
- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 1E**  
Laurie Harnsberger
- ☐ **Fish & Wildlife Region 2**  
Jeff Drongesen
- ☒ **Fish & Wildlife Region 3**  
Craig Weightman

Independent Commissions, Boards

- ☐ **Delta Protection Commission**  
Erik Vink
- ☐ **Delta Stewardship Council**  
Anthony Navasero
- ☐ **California Energy Commission**  
Eric Knight

- ☒ **Native American Heritage Comm.**  
Debbie Treadway
- ☐ **Public Utilities Commission**  
Supervisor
- ☐ **Santa Monica Bay Restoration**  
Guangyu Wang
- ☒ **State Lands Commission**  
Jennifer Deleong
- ☐ **Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)**  
Cherry Jacques

Cal State Transportation Agency CalSTA

- ☒ **Caltrans - Division of Aeronautics**  
Philip Crimmins
- ☐ **Caltrans - Planning HQ LD-IGR**  
Christian Bushong
- ☒ **California Highway Patrol**  
Suzann Ikeuchi  
Office of Special Projects

Dept. of Transportation

- ☐ **Caltrans, District 1**  
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- ☐ **Caltrans, District 2**  
Marcelino Gonzalez
- ☐ **Caltrans, District 3**  
Susan Zanchi
- ☐ **Caltrans, District 4**  
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- ☒ **Caltrans, District 5**  
Larry Newland
- ☐ **Caltrans, District 6**  
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- ☐ **Caltrans, District 8**  
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- ☐ **Caltrans, District 9**  
Gayle Rosander
- ☐ **Caltrans, District 10**  
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- ☐ **Caltrans, District 11**  
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- ☐ **Caltrans, District 12**  
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Cal EPA

Air Resources Board

- ☐ **Airport & Freight**  
Jack Wursten
  - ☐ **Transportation Projects**  
Nesamani Kalandiyur
  - ☐ **Industrial/Energy Projects**  
Mike Tollstrup
- ☐ **California Department of Resources, Recycling & Recovery**  
Kevin Taylor/Jeff Esquivel
- ☐ **State Water Resources Control Board**  
Regional Programs Unit  
Division of Financial Assistance
- ☒ **State Water Resources Control Board**  
Cindy Forbes – Asst Deputy  
Division of Drinking Water
- ☐ **State Water Resources Control Board**  
Div. Drinking Water # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ **State Water Resources Control Board**  
Student Intern, 401 Water Quality Certification Unit  
Division of Water Quality
- ☒ **State Water Resources Control Board**  
Phil Crader  
Division of Water Rights
- ☐ **Dept. of Toxic Substances Control Reg. # \_\_\_\_\_**  
CEQA Tracking Center
- ☐ **Department of Pesticide Regulation**  
CEQA Coordinator

Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

- ☐ **RWQCB 1**  
Cathleen Hudson  
North Coast Region (1)
- ☐ **RWQCB 2**  
Environmental Document Coordinator  
San Francisco Bay Region (2)
- ☒ **RWQCB 3**  
Central Coast Region (3)
- ☐ **RWQCB 4**  
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Los Angeles Region (4)
- ☐ **RWQCB 5S**  
Central Valley Region (5)
- ☐ **RWQCB 5F**  
Central Valley Region (5)  
Fresno Branch Office
- ☐ **RWQCB 5R**  
Central Valley Region (5)  
Redding Branch Office
- ☐ **RWQCB 6**  
Lahontan Region (6)
- ☐ **RWQCB 6V**  
Lahontan Region (6)  
Victorville Branch Office
- ☐ **RWQCB 7**  
Colorado River Basin Region (7)
- ☐ **RWQCB 8**  
Santa Ana Region (8)
- ☐ **RWQCB 9**  
San Diego Region (9)

- ☐ **Other** \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ \_\_\_\_\_  
Conservancy

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P. O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613

For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SC#19059130

**Project Title:** Watsonville Slough System Managed Aquifer Recharge and Recovery Projects (Harkins Slough Facilities Upgrades Project and Struve Slough Project)

Lead Agency: Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Contact Person: Brian Lockwood General Manager

Mailing Address: 36 Brennan Street

Phone: 831-772-9292

City: Watsonville

Zip: 95076

County: Santa Cruz

**Project Location:** County: Santa Cruz

City/Nearest Community: Watsonville

Cross Streets: Varies - see attached Notice of Preparation

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Lat. / Long. (degrees, minutes, and seconds): 36° 53' 23.60" N / 121° 48' 09.90" W

Total Acres: ~34

Assessor's Parcel No.: Varies - see attached Notice of Preparation

Section: 13

Twp.: 12

Range: 1E

Base: MD

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 1, 129, 152

Waterways: Watsonville, Struve, Hanson, and Harkins Sloughs, Pajaro River.

Airports: Watsonville Municipal Airport

Railways: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools: Pajaro Valley High School,

New School Community Day High School, Landmark Elementary School

### Document Type:

CEQA:

- ☒ NOP  
☐ Early Cons  
☐ Neg Dec  
☐ Mit Neg Dec

- ☐ Draft EIR  
☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR  
(Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Other \_\_\_\_\_

NEPA:

- ☐ NOI  
☐ EA  
☐ Draft EIS  
☐ FONSI

Other:

- ☐ Joint Document  
☐ Final Document  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Local Action Type:

- ☐ General Plan Update  
☐ General Plan Amendment  
☐ General Plan Element  
☐ Community Plan

- ☐ Specific Plan  
☐ Master Plan  
☐ Planned Unit Development  
☐ Site Plan

- ☐ Rezone  
☐ Prezone  
☐ Use Permit  
☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

- ☐ Annexation  
☐ Redevelopment  
☒ Coastal Permit  
☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### Development Type:

- ☐ Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Educational \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Recreational \_\_\_\_\_  
☒ Water Facilities: Type Pump station, recharge basins, intake

- ☐ Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
MGD varies \_\_\_\_\_

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### Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- ☒ Aesthetic/Visual  
☒ Agricultural Land  
☒ Air Quality  
☒ Archeological/Historical  
☒ Biological Resources  
☒ Coastal Zone  
☒ Drainage/Absorption  
☐ Economic/Jobs

- ☐ Fiscal  
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding  
☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard  
☒ Geologic/Seismic  
☒ Minerals  
☒ Noise  
☒ Population/Housing Balance  
☒ Public Services/Facilities

- ☒ Recreation/Parks  
☒ Schools/Universities  
☒ Septic Systems  
☒ Sewer Capacity  
☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  
☒ Solid Waste  
☒ Toxic/Hazardous  
☒ Traffic/Circulation

- ☒ Vegetation  
☒ Water Quality  
☒ Water Supply/Groundwater  
☒ Wetland/Riparian  
☒ Growth Inducement  
☒ Land Use  
☒ Cumulative Effects  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Existing land uses at and in the vicinity of proposed Project components include agricultural, residential, commercial, public and other uses. General Plan and zoning designations for the Harkins Slough pump station and proposed recharge basins, pump station, and screened intake are Agriculture and Commercial Agriculture. General plan and zoning designations along the pipelines are also Agriculture and Commercial Agriculture except the road crossings, which are Public Facilities.

### Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See Attached.

Note: The state Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in

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## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 5	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 3
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region # 3	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>US Army Corps of Engineers</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>National Marine Fisheries Service, US Fish and Wildlife</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date May 31, 2019

Ending Date July 1, 2019

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: Environmental Science Associates

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City/State/Zip: Oakland, CA

Contact: Jill Hamilton

Phone: 510 740-1711

Applicant: Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency

Address: 36 Brennan Street

City/State/Zip: Watsonville, CA 95076

Phone: 831-772-9292

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: 

Date: 5/30/2019

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.