Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta. In accordance with provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the DWR is publishing and releasing for public review the Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta Initial Study/proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to provide agencies, the public and interested parties an opportunity to review the environmental analysis of the proposed project.

Project Name: Soil Investigations for Data Collection in the Delta

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources

Project Description: The planned work includes overwater and land-based soil borings, cone penetration tests, and geophysical surveys. The primary objective of the proposed project is to determine the composition, location, and geotechnical properties of soil materials commonly found in the Delta which would inform the design, environmental analysis, and development of alternatives for a potential Delta conveyance project and contribute to DWR's overall understanding of Delta geology.

Project Location: The project area is within the legal Delta in Alameda, Contra Costa, Sacramento, Solano, San Joaquin, and Yolo Counties. (see attached map)

The IS/MND and Supporting Documentation are Available for Public Comment November 20, 2019 through December 20, 2019, 5:00 PM:

Online at https://water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Delta-Conveyance/Environmental-Planning

A hardcopy is accessible at Department of Water Resources, 3500 Industrial Blvd, West Sacramento, CA 95691.

Hazardous Materials Sites: No hazardous waste sites enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code were identified in the analysis of the proposed project contained in the Draft IS/MND. Please refer to section 3.9 "Hazards and Hazardous Materials" of the IS/MND for additional information.

Contact: During the comment period, comments on the IS/MND may be submitted via mail to Delta Conveyance Office, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236 or email to Delta Soil ISMND@WATER.CA.GOV

For questions regarding the document or to schedule a time to review the hard copy, please call (916) 651-9569 or email <u>Delta Soil ISMND@WATER.CA.GOV</u>.

