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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: Tisdale Bypass Sediment Removal 2020 Project,

Mitigated Negative Declaration, State Clearinghouse No. 2020019015

Location: Sutter County

Dear Mr. Rohrer,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Tisdale Bypass Sediment Removal (IS/MND). The IS/MND was prepared to address the environmental consequences of the proposed Tisdale Project. The proposed project involves the removal of accumulated sediment from the Tisdale Bypass, and placement of the sediment on two parcels (APN 21-280-007 and 21-280-008), herein referred to as the Tisdale Parcels.

Page 3-69 of the IS/MND describes the Tisdale Parcels as being owned by Department of Water Resources (DWR). This statement is inaccurate. The Tisdale Parcels are owned in fee by the Sacramento and San Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) and for which the management and control reside with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board (Board) (Cal. Wat. Code § 8502). The IS/MND should be updated to reflect the correct land ownership.

The IS/MND describes the Tisdale Parcels as land currently being used by the Division of Flood Management's Sutter Maintenance Yard as storage and borrow sites. The IS/MND discusses additional activities that will take place on the Tisdale Parcels as part of the proposed project. The activities discussed include utilizing the parcels as an equipment staging area, fortifying the culverts at the entrance to the parcel from Reclamation Road, improving the roads from parcel to bypass, construction of two temporary earthen ramps over the levee from the parcels, storage and burning of trees, the placement of 40,000 cubic yards of sediment on the parcel, and seeding the parcel with native plants. Given that the Tisdale Parcels are under Board management, the activities to be conducted on, near, or material to be deposited on the Tisdale Parcels will require a proper and revocable license, lease, easements or other agreement executed between DWR and the Board (23 CCR 19). A review of our records indicate that no such license, lease, easement or agreement has been executed.