

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency (SAFCA) (a) has concluded after preparing an Initial Study that the Groundwater Recharge and Swainson's Hawk Habitat Preservation Project (Project) would not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of mitigation measures described in the Initial Study; (b) has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Project; and (c) anticipates recommending to the SAFCA Board of Directors that it adopt the MND.

Project Title

Groundwater Recharge and Swainson's Hawk Habitat Preservation Project

Brief Description of the Project and Its Location

The project is centrally located in unincorporated Sacramento County south of Sloughhouse Road and the Folsom South Canal and generally between Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River. The parcel to be acquired is Sacramento County Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 126-0480-004-0000.

The Groundwater Recharge and Swainson's Hawk Habitat Preservation Project consists of protecting 129 acres for groundwater recharge and constructing a pipeline to allow surface water spreading and infiltration on the property. SAFCA will buy fee title to the property that will secure the right to recharge groundwater by surface application on the site. SAFCA will construct a pipeline from the adjoining Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) groundwater recharge project (OHWD Project) onto the site. The source of recharge water is excess (winter) stormwater flow diversion from the Cosumnes River. Up to four monitoring wells or real-time transducers will be installed on or near the site.

Review Period

The 30-day public review period begins on March 27, 2020 and ends on April 27, 2020.

Date, Time and Place of Public Meeting

The SAFCA Board of Directors intends to consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its regularly scheduled board meeting on May 21, 2020 after 3:00 p.m. The meeting will be held by teleconference pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order (EO) N-29-20, superseding EO N-25-20, if applicable state or local public officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing. If applicable social distancing measures are no longer being imposed or recommended, the meeting will be held at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors' Chambers located at 700 H Street, Sacramento, CA 95814. To confirm the meeting location or method, please contact SAFCA's Clerk of the Board at (916) 874-8734 or RussellL@SacCounty.net.

Address Where the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Documents Incorporated by Reference May Be Reviewed

The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be downloaded at http://www.safca.org/protection/Environmental_Public_Review.html. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may also be reviewed at:

SAFCA
1007 7th St, 7th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Please call (916) 874-7606 to arrange a viewing during business hours (Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.). In the event the SAFCA office is closed due to public health guidance and you cannot view the document electronically and you wish to review the document, please provide your mailing address to SAFCAReview@saccounty.net and a copy will be mailed to you.

Contact

Please send your written comments during the review period to: Gary Bardini, SAFCA, 1007 7th Street, 7th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814, Fax: (916) 874-8289, Email: SAFCAReview@saccounty.net. When e-mailing comments, include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address.

Government Code Section 65962.5

Government Code Section 65962.5 requires state agencies to compile lists of hazardous waste facilities and contamination. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) database, known as Envirostor, and the California State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) GeoTracker database did not yield any occurrences at the site as described in the subject Initial Study.