



California Department of Water Resources NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

To: All Interested Parties

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PROJECT INFORMATION

PROJECT NAME: **San Joaquin Field Division Liner Raise and Instrumentation Project**
LEAD AGENCY: **California Department of Water Resources**
PROJECT AREA: **San Joaquin Field Division**
PROJECT TYPE: **Raise of the CA Aqueduct's concrete liner**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the Lead Agency and has prepared an Initial Study (IS) with the intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the proposed San Joaquin Field Division Liner Raise and Instrumentation Project (project).

PROJECT LOCATION: The proposed project is located at Pools 24 and 25 of the California Aqueduct, specifically in Kings and Kern Counties between Aqueduct milepost (MP) 175.16 and MP 213.00. The northernmost site, MP 175.16, Pool 22, is approximately 2 miles southwest of the town of Kettleman City. The southernmost site, MP 213.00, Pool 25, is approximately 8 miles southwest of the town of Lost Hills.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Subsidence has caused reduced flow capacity in Pools 24 and 25 of the California Aqueduct that is limiting the ability to deliver water to Southern California. The proposed project would raise portions of the concrete liner on each side of Pools 24 and 25 over 1.65 miles and would also involve the installation of water level monitoring instrumentation to provide real time monitoring of flow and water levels in Pools 22 and 25.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The IS describes potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures have been defined to reduce impacts to less than significant levels. All other resource areas found to have no impact or to be less than significant are also described in the IS/MND.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The IS is being circulated for public review and comment for the period of 30 days May 15, 2020 and ending June 14, 2020. Written comments should be submitted and received no later than close of business on June 14, 2020. Written comments should be sent to: *Stephanie Breeden on behalf of the California Department of Water Resources, San Joaquin Field Division Liner Raise and Instrumentation Project, at Environmental Science Associates, 550 West C Street, Suite 750, San Diego, CA 92101*, or email comments to: sbreeden@esassoc.com.

AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION: Hardcopies of the IS have been delivered to the following libraries:

- Beale Memorial Library, 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301
- Kettleman City Branch Library, 104 Becky Pease Street, Kettleman City, CA 93239

In order to comply with COVID-19 social distancing requirements, in the event of the libraries' closure, the IS will be available online and hard copies will be made available upon request. The IS may be viewed at the following locations:

- On the web: <https://water.ca.gov/Programs/Engineering-And-Construction/Subsidence/LinerRaisedProject>

For any questions or for distribution of a hard copy of the IS, please contact:

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