Reclamation District No. 999

NOTICE OF INTENT

TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072) SUTTER SLOUGH CRITICAL EROSION REPAIRS FLOOD SYSTEM REPAIR PROJECT

Reclamation District No. 999 (RD No. 999 or District) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Sutter Slough Critical Erosion Repairs Flood System Repair Project (project or proposed project).

In January 2020, MBK Engineers (MBK), on behalf of the District, identified seven erosion sites along Sutter Slough based on observations from site reconnaissance, geometric analysis from a land survey of the levee, and a bank and bathymetric survey of the channel. The project would either address bank loss, toe scour, and erosion by flattening the waterside bank slope and placing approximately 18- to 24-inch riprap to reestablish the bank slope or monitor conditions within erosion sites. Erosion at the sites typically consists of toe scour within the channel causing erosion and slope instability that progresses into the bank and waterside levee toe. Project construction is anticipated to begin in 2022 and would occur between approximately August 1 to November 30 for 5 consecutive years.

RD No. 999 is the lead agency for the project, under CEQA, and has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) on the proposed project in accordance with CEQA requirements and the State CEQA Guidelines. The IS describes the proposed project and assesses the proposed project's potentially significant adverse impacts on the physical environment. It concludes that the proposed project's potentially significant or significant adverse effects on the environment can be mitigated to less-than-significant levels; therefore, a proposed MND has been prepared. The project site is not present on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

Agencies and members of the public are invited to provide written comments on the IS/MND. **The comment period is from January 25, 2020 to February 23, 2020**. The IS/MND can be reviewed at the RD No. 999 office at 38563 Netherlands Road Clarksburg, CA 95612 or on RD No. 999 web site at: <u>http://rd999.org/resources/</u>

Comments can be sent to Tina Anderson, MBK, at 38563 Netherlands Road Clarksburg, CA, or email at <u>Anderson@mbkengineers.com</u>. All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on February 23, 2020. For e-mailed comments, please 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.