**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AVAILABILITY**

**FOR THE REVIEW OF THE**

**DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PROPOSED
Stanislaus River Salmonid Habitat Restoration Project**

**at Stanley Wakefield Wilderness Area**

The City of Oakdale, as the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency, announces the availability of the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Stanislaus River Salmonid Habitat Restoration Project at Stanley Wakefield Wilderness Area (Project). This notice is provided pursuant to noticing requirements found in Public Resources Code Sec. 21092 and the State CEQA Guidelines (Guidelines Sec. 15807).

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Proposed Action is located in the Stanley Wakefield Wilderness Area, adjacent to Kerr Park, within the City (Figures 1 and 2). The Proposed Action encompasses an approximately 1,273-meters (m) (4,177-foot [ft]) segment of the Stanislaus River, a tributary to the San Joaquin River, approximately 68 river kilometers (rkm) upstream of the confluence with the San Joaquin River and approximately 24 rkm downstream of Goodwin Dam, between 37°47'24.22"N, 120°49'11.45"W (downstream limit) and 37°47'15.11"N, 120°48'33.39"W (upstream limit). The Project is located within the “Oakdale, CA” U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute topographic quadrangle (quad), in Sections 2 and 6 in Township 2 South, Range 10 and 11 East.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project aims to restore and enhance the Stanislaus River off-channel and riparian ecosystem processes critical for juvenile California Central Valley (CCV) steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) populations, with anticipated ancillary benefits to California’s Central Valley (CV) Chinook Salmon (O. tshawytscha) and other native fish, on the lower Stanislaus River.

**PROJECT IMPACTS:** The project would not have any significant impacts on the environment after mitigation measures are implemented. The project would enhance salmonid rearing habitat on the Stanislaus River and improve ecosystem function.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The Draft IS/MND will be available for a 30-day public review period from January 3, 2023, to February 3, 2023. A copy of the Draft IS/MND is available for review at the following location:

City of Oakdale
280 N. Third Ave
Oakdale, CA 95361

Written comments on the Draft IS/MND should be addressed to the City of Oakdale, Attn: Colleen Andersen, 280 N. Third Ave, Oakdale, CA 95361. Comments must be received in writing at the above address no later than February 3, 2023. Comments received will be addressed, and the responses to comments will be included as part of the record. After comments have been received on the Draft IS/MND, a public hearing will be scheduled for a regular City Council meeting, which will be held on February 21 in the City of Oakdale, City Council Chambers, 277 N. Second Ave, Oakdale, California.