

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for
CACHE CREEK RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT PLAN and
PROJECT-LEVEL
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for
CACHE CREEK IMPROVEMENT
PROGRAM

for LOWER CACHE CREEK

SCH #96013004

**Yolo County** 

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC HEARING

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# RESPONSE TO COMMENTS on DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the CACHE CREEK RESOURCES MANAGEMENT PLAN

TO:

Interested Agencies and Individuals

FROM:

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Yolo County Community Development Agency

DATE:

July 1, 1996

The County of Yolo has prepared and is analyzing the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan (CCRMP), one of two key plans to manage the diverse resources of the mining reach of Cache Creek. The planning area for the CCRMP extends approximately 14.5 miles, from the Capay Dam to the Town of Yolo, covering approximately 4,995 acres. The CCRMP was developed pursuant to the Statement of Goals, Objectives, and Policies regarding the management of aggregate resources in and adjoining Cache Creek adopted by the Board of Supervisors in June of 1994.

The CCRMP is largely a river management plan. The CCRMP focuses on a program of channel stabilization and habitat restoration, and will prohibit commercial mining within the active channel. Initial channel reshaping following channel design specifications, ongoing maintenance activities to be regulated by the County, and habitat restoration projects consistent with the CCRMP, will be allowed under the proposed Cache Creek Improvement Program (CCIP). The CCIP, as well as the other actions and performance standards of the CCRMP, will be implemented by specific regulatory ordinances. These ordinances will be written following approval of the CCRMP, in order to allow for additional time to coordinate with landowners, the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and responsible state and federal agencies. Erosion/flood control work or other activities within the creek

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would be performed by private landowners under individual Floodplain Development Permits issued by County. All work will be required to comply with the CCRMP, the CCIP, and all applicable regulatory requirements. The County is also considering rezoning lands within the channel boundary to the Open Space (OS) Zone. Channel improvement projects under the CCIP will fall under the flood control provision within the OS Zone.

The draft CCRMP is organized into an Introduction and six "elements" including a Floodway and Channel Stability Element, a Water Resources Element, a Biological Resources Element, an Open Space and Recreation Element, an Aggregate Resources Element, and an Agricultural Resources Element. Each of the six "elements" includes an introduction and a list of goals, objectives, actions, and performance standards.

The County and its consultant, EDAW Inc., have prepared a RESPONSE TO COMMENTS document (Volume 2) for the program-level Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) which provides responses to all comments received during the public review period on the DEIR. The Response to Comments volume, together with the Draft EIR constitute the Final EIR (FEIR) for this project.

This RESPONSE TO COMMENTS document is now available for public review at the public counter of the Yolo County Community Development Agency, at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, California 95695. The document is also available for public review at the Davis, Esparto, Woodland, and Yolo Branch County Libraries.

A **public hearing** will be held in front of the County Planning Commission on July 24, 1996 in the Commission Chambers located at 292 West Beamer Street in Woodland, to take action on the CCRMP, together with the EIR. A **public hearing** to approve, modify, or deny the project will be held before the Board of Supervisors on August 20, 1996.

For more information regarding this project, please contact Heidi Tschudin at (916) 447-1809 or David Morrison at (916) 666-8041.

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