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This document contains all comments, received during the public review period, on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan (CCRMP or Plan), and written responses to those comments. The proposed project is the adoption of the CCRMP for lower Cache Creek and the Cache Creek Improvement Program (CCIP) to manage the diverse resources of the mining reach of Cache Creek. The CCRMP will serve as an area plan for the in-channel portion of the creek, as determined by the present channel bank line or the 100-year flood elevations, whichever is wider, extending from the Capay Dam to the Town of Yolo. The in-channel area (planning area) contains approximately 4,995 acres, including roughly 2,000 acres within the present channel boundary, plus several hundred acres located in the floodplain north of the City of Woodland. A separate EIR is being prepared for a second plan (the Off-Channel Mining Plan or OCMP) which focuses on sand and gravel extraction outside the creek channel.

The County of Yolo used several methods to solicit input on the Draft EIR. These methods included the distribution of a Notice of Preparation on January 5, 1996; a public scoping meeting on January 15, 1996; distribution of the Notice of Availability of the Draft EIR on April 8, 1996; distribution of the Draft EIR on April 8, 1996; and a public hearing and workshop in front of the County Planning Commission on May 1, 1996.

The Draft EIR was distributed to various public agencies, responsible agencies, and interested individuals. Copies of the document were also made available at the public counter of the Community Development Agency and at the Davis, Esparto, Woodland, and Yolo Branch County Libraries. The report was made available for public review and comment for a 45-day period. The public review period established by the State Clearinghouse for the Draft EIR commenced on April 8, 1996 and expired on May 23, 1996. Late comments were also accepted.

Comments and responses are grouped by letter for written comments and by speaker for oral comments. If the subject matter of one letter overlaps that of another letter, the reader may be referred to more than one group of comments and responses to review all information on a given subject. Where this occurs, cross-references are provided.

This document also includes a Summary of Changes. The Summary contains clarification, amplification, and corrections that have been identified since publication of the Draft EIR.

The second volume, together with the Draft EIR (Volume 1), constitute the Final EIR for the proposed project.