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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF THE INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE BULLOCK BEND MITIGATION BANK PROJECT (ZF# 2015-0003)

DATE: July 1, 2015

TO: Interested Agencies and Individuals

FROM: Yolo County Planning, Public Works, and Environmental Services Department

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above project is now available for review. The County will consider the information in the MND when deliberating the project. Following certification of the MND, the County may take action to adopt the proposed project.

The MND will be subject to a 30-day public comment period which will end on July 31, 2015.

Information about the proposed project is provided below.

The project is a Use Permit, a Flood Hazard Development Permit, grading permit, and a Williamson Act Open Space Agreement, to construct a mitigation bank for juvenile salmonid (salmon) and Swainson's hawk nesting habitat. Westervelt Ecological Services, LLC, the applicant and landowner, is proposing to establish the Bullock Bend Mitigation Bank on approximately 116.24 acres of a 119.65-acre property in northeast Yolo County. The project would provide mitigation credits to offset impacts to salmonids and Swainson's hawk nesting habitat as well as impacts to floodplain and riverine riparian habitats as regulated by state, federal and local agencies.

The project site is located on the right (western) bank of the Sacramento River at River Mile 106, approximately 11 miles north of the unincorporated town of Knights Landing and approximately 16.5 miles north of the City of Woodland (APN: 053-030-010-000). The project site is an oxbow of the Sacramento River and is bordered by the Sacramento River on three sides. The interior 88 acres of the oxbow is a cultivated field. The project would breach the existing farm berm along the Sacramento River and excavate back-water channels to restore floodplain function and create seasonal aquatic habitat on approximately 96 acres that would be newly inundated during Sacramento River flood events.

The MND and related documents are available for review on the County website at http://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/planning-division/current-projects and at the public counter of the County Planning Division at 292 West Beamer Street, Woodland, CA 95696. The documents are available for purchase in hard copy or in electronic format (CD ROM). For more specific questions about the project, or to submit comments, please contact Eric Parfrey, AICP at (530) 666-8043 or eric.parfrey@yolocounty.org.