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DATE: August 16, 2019

TO: California State Clearinghouse, Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Notice of Preparation and Notice of Scoping Meeting for the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Teichert Shifler Mining and Reclamation Project.**

PROJECT TITLE: Teichert Shifler Mining and Reclamation Project (ZF2018-0078)

COMMENT PERIOD: August 16, 2019 to September 16, 2019

SCOPING MEETING: September 12, 2019

Yolo County is the lead agency for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Teichert Shifler Mining and Reclamation Project (proposed project) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Section 15082. The purpose of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) is to solicit the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the EIR based on your agency's area of statutory responsibility, as related to the project. Your agency will need to use this EIR when considering relevant permits or other approvals for the project. The County is also seeking the views of residents, property owners, and concerned citizens regarding issues that should be addressed in the EIR. The project description is summarized below. A meeting to discuss the appropriate scope of the EIR has been scheduled, as indicated below.

COMMENT PERIOD: Comments can be sent anytime during the 30-day NOP comment period. **The comment period begins August 16, 2019 and ends September 16, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** All comments must be directed to the following contact/address:

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SCOPING MEETING: A public scoping meeting will be held by the County to inform interested parties about the proposed project, and to provide agencies and the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the scope and content of the EIR. The meeting will be held on September 12, 2019, at 8:30am before the Yolo County Planning Commission at the County Board of Supervisors Chambers in the Yolo County Administration Building at 625 Court Street in Woodland, CA 95695.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site consists of approximately 319 acres located north of County Road (CR) 22 and east of CR 94B, southwest of Teichert's existing mining operation three miles west of the City of Woodland in Yolo County, California (see Figure 1 and Figure 2). Mining is proposed on approximately 277 acres. The site contains all or portions of four parcels identified by APNs 025-120-032, 025-120-033, 025-430-001, and 025-430-002.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed project is mining of 41.6 million tons (35.25 million tons sold) of aggregate resources (sand and gravel) over a requested 30-year period at an annual rate not to exceed 2.6 million tons mined per year (2.2 million tons sold). Mining is proposed in two phases (see Figure 3). Reclamation is proposed in three phases (see Figure 4) to reclaim 116 acres of agricultural uses and 161 acres of pond and habitat uses. As a component of the project, the applicant proposes relocation of the Moore Canal to the northerly portion of the project site. The project requires the following approvals from Yolo County: general plan amendment; Cache Creek Area Plan (CCAP) amendment; rezoning; mining permit approval; reclamation plan approval; Yolo County Code Section 10.4-405 20% Exceedance approval; streambank stabilization plan; flood hazard development permit (FHDP); and development agreement. If additional approvals are required they will be identified through the environmental impact analysis.

PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF THE PROJECT: The County has determined that implementation of the proposed project may result in impacts in the following areas: Aesthetics; Agricultural Resources; Air Quality, Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions, and Energy; Biological Resources; Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources; Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use and Planning; Noise; Transportation; Public Services (including Recreation), Utilities, and Service Systems; Alternatives Analysis; Other Required Sections. If significant impacts are identified, the EIR will include mitigation measures to reduce these impacts to a less-than-significant level, if feasible.

An Initial Study has been prepared to substantiate this initial determination regarding the scope of the EIR. Comments on this initial determination of the appropriate scope of the EIR are welcomed and should be submitted as directed in this notice. The Initial Study is available online at: <https://www.yolocounty.org/community-services/planning-public-works/planning-division/current-projects> or by contacting County staff using the contact information provided in this notice. Based on the conclusions reached in the Initial Study, the County has further determined that the project would not result in significant adverse environmental impacts in the following issue areas: impacts along scenic highways; conflicts with agricultural zoning or Williamson Act; impacts to forestry resources; impacts from use of hazardous materials near a school; exposure to noise impacts from air traffic; impacts related to population and housing; increased demand for schools; increased demand for parks and recreation facilities; impacts to waste water treatment plants; impacts to solid waste capacity and regulatory compliance, or wildfire impacts. Therefore, these issue areas will not be analyzed in the EIR.

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Signature:  _____

Date: August 15, 2019

Attachments – Figures 1 through 4

**Figure 1
Regional Project Location**

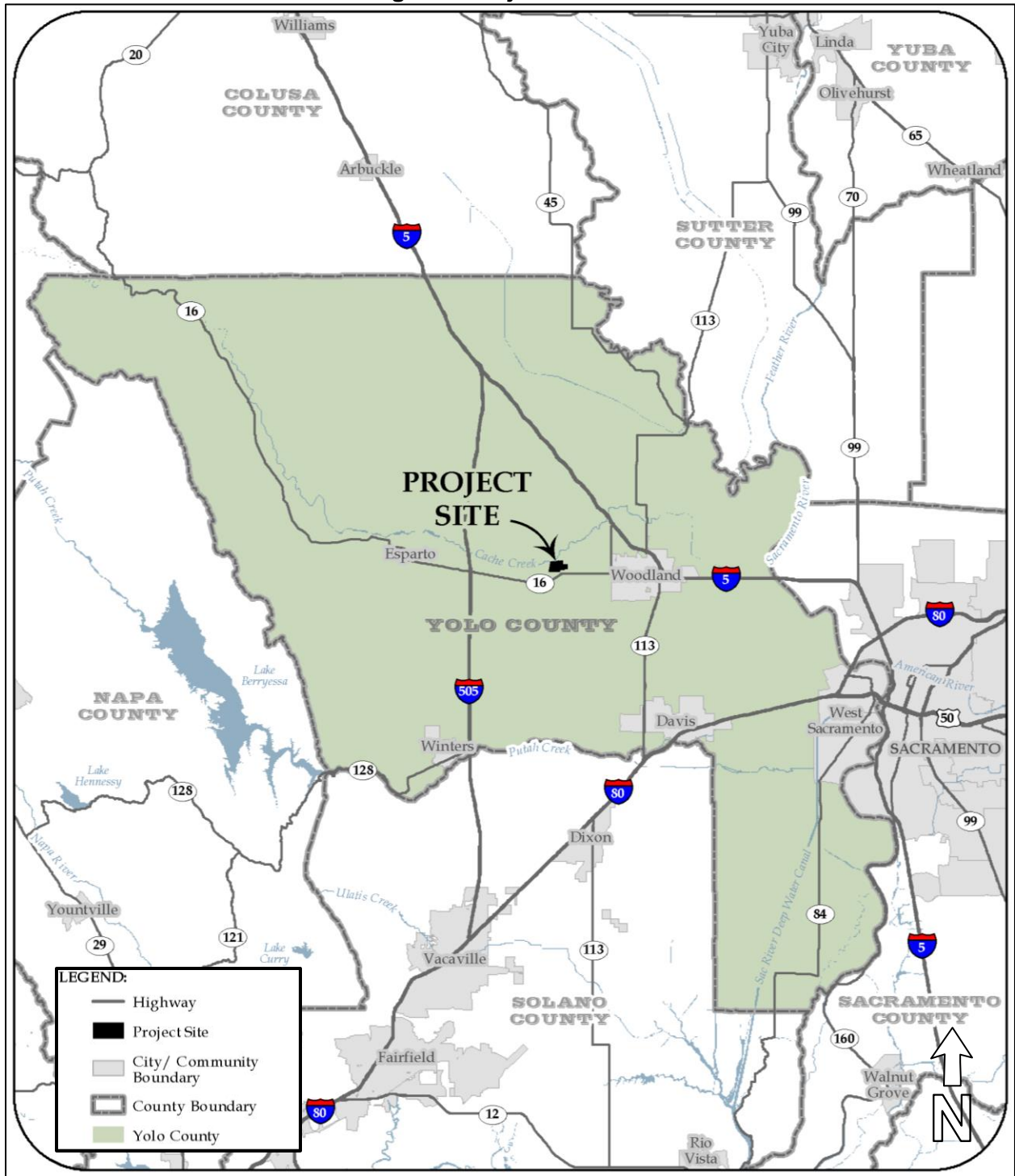


Figure 2
Project Site Boundaries

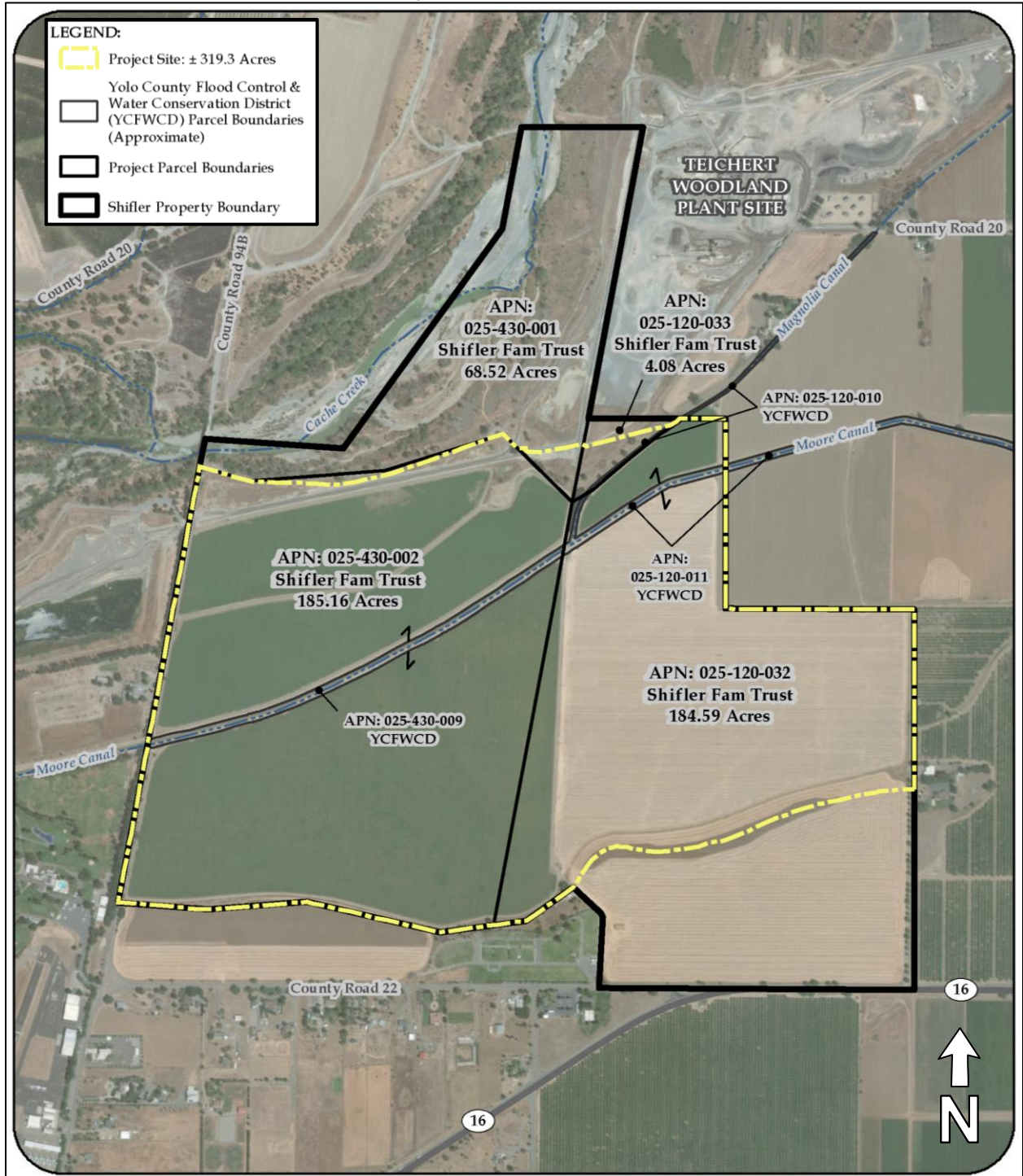
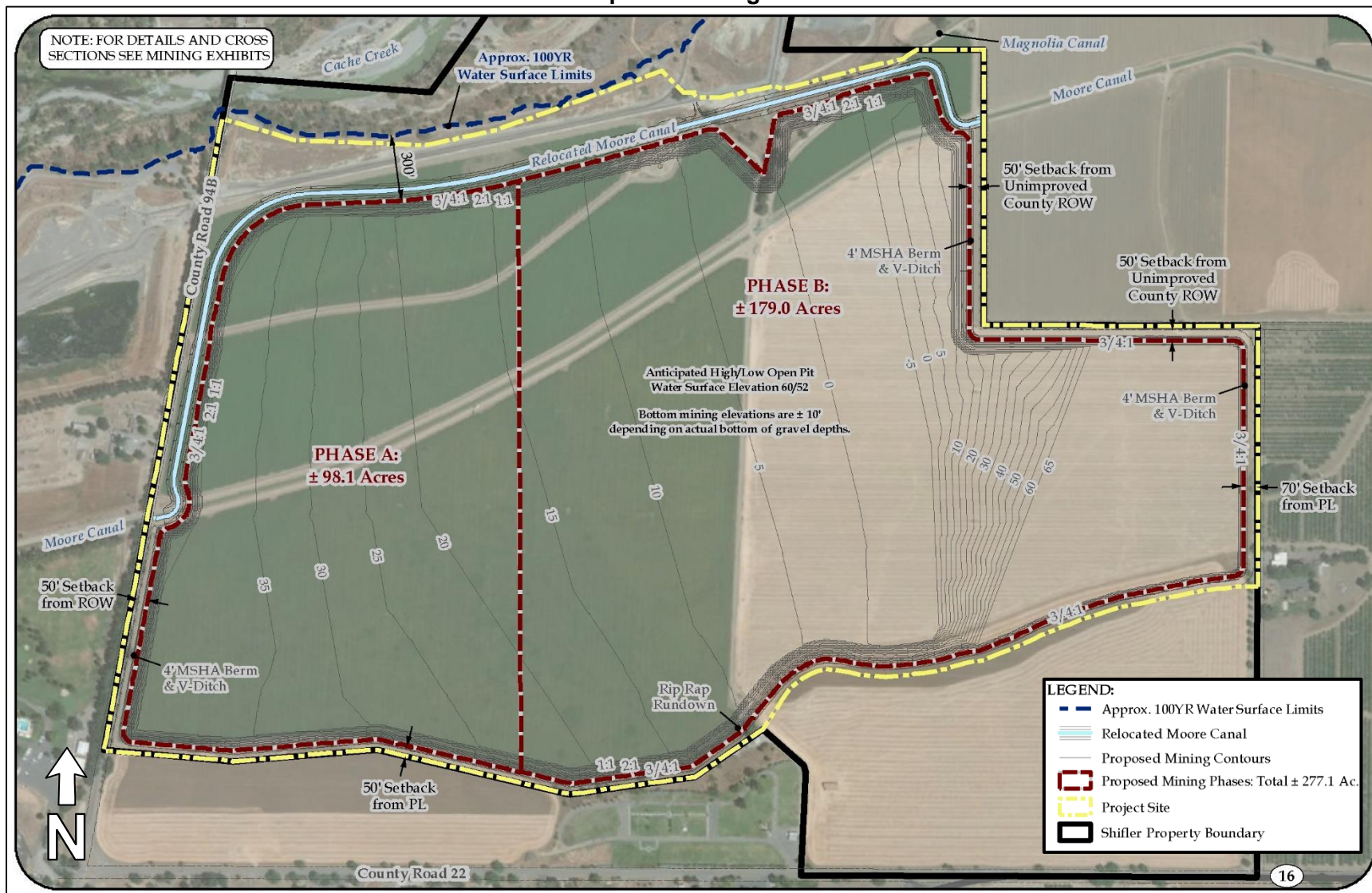


Figure 3
Proposed Mining Plan



**Figure 4
Proposed Reclamation Plan**

