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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
KNIGHTS LANDING FLOOD MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Yolo County (County), as the Lead Agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), has prepared an Initial Study with Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Knights Landing Flood Management Project (Proposed Project). The California Department of Water Resources, California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, and Knights Landing Ridge Drainage District are Responsible Agencies under CEQA.

The County proposes to reduce flood risks associated with flooding from the Sacramento River and the Knights Landing Ridge Cut in and around the community of Knights Landing in Yolo County, California. The proposed flood improvements would strengthen approximately 3.78 miles of the surrounding levees of the Knights Landing Basin and build resiliency into the Knights Landing Basin levees. The objectives of the Proposed Project, as stated in the Small Communities Flood Risk Reduction Program, are to attain a 100-year level of flood protection for the community of Knights Landing and to reduce the flood risk to the Knights Landing Basin while sustaining the agricultural economy, providing safe access to the river, and improving the riverine habitat viability. The Proposed Project aligns with the State's Systemwide Investment Approach described in the State's Central Valley Flood Protection Plan and would improve levee resiliency to enhance the function of the region's flood system.

The Draft IS/MND found that implementation of the Proposed Project may result in potentially significant environmental impacts to: biological resources; cultural resources; geology and soils; noise; and, tribal cultural resources. However, with the implementation of avoidance, minimization, and mitigation measures, any potentially significant environmental impacts of the Proposed Project would be reduced to less than significant levels as described in the Draft IS/MND.

The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a 30-day period starting on May 6, 2024, through June 5, 2024. Comments on the Draft IS/MND must be received in writing via e-mail or U.S. mail to the contact listed below by 5:00 p.m. on June 5, 2024. For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address.

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During the 30-day public review period the Draft IS/MND will be available for review on the CEQAnet web portal at: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/> and on the Yolo County Natural Resources Division's webpage at: www.yolonaturalresources.org.