

February 24, 2014

**To:** Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

**Subject:** Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for Miner Slough Levee Repair

The Department of Water Resources (DWR) is the Lead State Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act and has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Miner Slough Levee Repair Project.

**Project Location**

The project is located along the west bank of Miner Slough, which is the eastern edge of Prospect Island, in Solano County. The project is located within the Liberty Island Quadrangle, Township 5 North, Range 3 East, M.D.M., between 38°15'10"N to 38°17'10"N latitude and 121°38'10"W to 121°39'30"W longitude.

**Project Description**

DWR proposes to repair the Miner Slough levee from approximate river miles 1.8 to 5. The levee repair will be completed from a barge within Miner Slough with assistance from equipment, most likely an excavator, on the levee crown. DWR proposes to repair the levee by placing a rock slope protection and soil mix to reshape the area to the original levee slope. The work will be done in a manner that will not change the character, scope, or size of the original levee and will not result in expanding the existing use of the levee. Seeding and replanting with native seed and trees will follow up the repair work. The work will take place from August 1 to November 30.

The conceptual sequence and method of the repair work is as follows: (1) remove some vegetation from the levee crest and waterside slope, (2) chip vegetation and leave at location designated by DWR, (3) excavate the upslope material to uncover beaver dens, (4) collapse any bridged rock, beaver dens, or holes in the failure area, (5) place rock slope protection in the water on existing rock to fill in holes and form benches, (6) place rock and soil layers above the water to fill the failure volume, and (7) hydroseed the slopes with native seed and replant native trees above water.

**Public Review Period**

The IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 30 days from February 24, 2014. Comments on the IS/MND are welcomed and should be submitted no later than 5 P.M. on March 26, 2014. Please submit comments to:

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The document is also available for review at the following locations:

- DWR, 3500 Industrial Blvd., West Sacramento, CA 95691
- Online at <http://www.water.ca.gov/newsroom>
- Solano County Clerk/Recorder Office, Solano County Government Center at 675 Texas Street, Suite 2700, Fairfield, CA 94533-6338