

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION AND FLOODWATER ATTENUATION
PROJECT FUNDING
FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
FLOOD PROTECTION CORRIDOR GRANT PROGRAM

The State of California, Department of Water Resources (DWR) invites comments from the public on a request from River Partners to DWR to provide grant funding for the Ecosystem Restoration and Floodwater Attenuation project on the federally-owned San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge property located south of State Hwy 132, within Stanislaus County, along the San Joaquin River. The purpose of the project is to improve floodplain management by providing over 1535 acres of transient floodplain attenuation, providing an off-channel sediment deposition site during peak flows and restoring 560 acres of habitat for fish and wildlife. The approximately 560-acre project site is accessed from West Stanislaus Road, a private road extending west from River Road and is located within the boundaries of the San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge in an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County (APN 016-010-009—Center Point: Lat. 37.599654' N Long. 121.206440'W).

A public hearing has been scheduled for 7:30 pm on Thursday, 4 June 2009, at 2714 Dairy Road, Vernalis, California. All interested persons are invited to attend and express their views. Public input is solicited on whether the project should be funded, and, if so, whether there are conditions that should be included in the funding agreement. Persons unable to attend should fax, mail or e-mail comments, to be received by Thursday, 11 June 2009, to Amy Young, Department of Water Resources, 3310 El Camino Ave., Room 140, Sacramento, CA 95821, facsimile (916) 574-0331, e-mail ayoung@water.ca.gov. Please include "Ecosystem Restoration and Floodwater Attenuation Project Comment" in the subject line of the e-mail.

For questions or information regarding this project, please e-mail River Partners info@riverpartners.org, or call Mona Cross, Executive Assistant at (530) 894-5401 ex.223; David Martasian, DWR Senior Environmental Scientist at (916) 574-0360; or Amy Young, DWR Environmental Scientist, at (916) 574-0365.

Information about the funding source, DWR's Flood Protection Corridor Program, is available on the FPCP Internet web site at <http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/fpcp/>.

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