

# Mitigated Negative Declaration

## RD2091 Levee Improvement Project

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### Introduction

This document provides California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance for Reclamation District (RD) 2091 proposed Levee Improvement project. RD 2091 is the lead agency responsible for complying with the provisions of CEQA. RD 2091 proposes to build the Levee Improvement project at five repair sites located east of Interstate 5 (I-5), approximately 3.2 miles east of the City of Patterson, Stanislaus County, California.

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) supports the Flood System Repair Program (FSRP). The FSRP is a bond-funded program that repairs rural State Plan of Flood Control (SPFC) facilities of the Sacramento and San Joaquin River systems under state and Local Maintaining Agency (LMA) cost-share agreements. Damaged levee sections were identified during levee inspections throughout the San Joaquin River Flood Control System. RD 2091 proposes levee repair construction to address seepage and boil damage on the San Joaquin River at five locations in Stanislaus County that threaten the stability of the existing levee. The RD 2091 Levee Repair Project will repair seepage and stability issues at the five sites which total approximately 11,038 feet. All repair sites are on the landward side of the levee within RD 2091.

### FINDINGS

As the CEQA lead agency, RD2091 finds that the proposed project would be implemented without causing a significant adverse impact on the environment. Mitigation measures for potential impacts associated with air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geomorphology, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, recreation, and traffic and transportation would be implemented as a part of RD2091's proposed project description.

### DETERMINATION

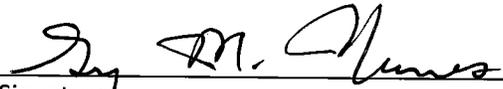
On the basis of this evaluation, RD 2091 concludes the following:

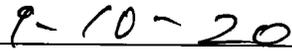
- a. The proposed project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community,



substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered species, or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.

- b. The proposed project would not achieve short-term environmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- c. The proposed project would not have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable.
- d. The proposed project would not have environmental effects that would cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.
- e. No substantial evidence exists to demonstrate that the proposed project would have a substantive negative effect on the environment.

  
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