

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: SFCWA
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FILEDLead Agency (if different from above) **MAR 18 2016**

Address: _____ Birgitta E. Corsello, Clerk of
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 the County of Solano, State
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Deputy Sandy Hoffman, Deputy

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2003112039

Project Title: Addendum for the Tule Red Tidal Restoration Project to the (see attachment 1 for details)

Project Applicant: State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA)

Project Location (include county): Suisun Marsh, Solano County (see attachment 1 for details)

Project Description:

Westervelt Ecological Services (WES) is developing the Tule Red Restoration Project (proposed project) on behalf of the SFCWA, and in cooperation with DWR, and Reclamation, consistent with the Suisun Marsh Plan (SMP) and the SMP EIS/EIR. The SMP is a comprehensive plan designed to address the various conflicts regarding use of marsh resources, with a focus on achieving an acceptable multi-stakeholder approach to the restoration of tidal wetlands. The proposed project would convert approximately 420 acres of existing brackish managed wetlands to tidal habitat to directly benefit federally and state-listed Delta smelt, longfin smelt, and salmonids. (see attachment 1 for details)

This is to advise that the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency has approved the above
☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency)

described project on March 17, 2016 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
 (date)
 described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☒ An addendum to an Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of ☐ CEQA (see attachment 1 for details).
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

See attachment 1 for additional detail

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Executive DirectorDate: March 17, 2016 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code
 Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code 3-18-16 to _____

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Deputy Clerk of the Board

Notice of Determination: Attachment 1

Provided below is information that would not fit in the identified text boxes on Notice of Determination.

Project Title:

Addendum for the Tule Red Tidal Restoration Project to the Suisun Marsh Plan Habitat Management, Preservation, and Restoration Plan Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

Project Location:

Tule Red Duck Club and Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, Region 4 adjacent to Grizzly Bay, Suisun Marsh, Solano County

Project Description:

Westervelt Ecological Services (WES) is developing the Tule Red Restoration Project (proposed project) on behalf of the State and Federal Contractors Water Agency (SFCWA), and in cooperation with DWR, and Reclamation, consistent with the Suisun Marsh Plan (SMP) and the SMP EIS/EIR. The SMP is a comprehensive plan designed to address the various conflicts regarding use of Marsh resources, with a focus on achieving an acceptable multi-stakeholder approach to the restoration of tidal wetlands and the management of managed wetlands and their functions. The SMP EIR was certified by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) in December of 2011. The SMP EIS Record of Decision was signed by the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) in April 2014. The EIS/EIR provided a programmatic evaluation of the restoration of tidal habitat in the Marsh and associated activities on a wide variety of environmental resources. The proposed project would convert approximately 420 acres of existing brackish managed wetlands to tidal habitat to directly benefit federally and state-listed Delta smelt, longfin smelt, and salmonids. The proposed project would introduce full, daily tidal exchange to an existing managed marsh duck club owned by WES and to a portion of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area, which is owned and operated by CDFW. The proposed project is consistent with the SMP and with the evaluation of environmental impacts in the SMP EIS/EIR. Construction of the proposed project would generally involve: grading the site, altering a CDFW drain, demolishing onsite structures, and breaching the existing natural berm between the project site and Grizzly Bay to allow for tidal exchange. Project site monitoring and management would generally involve: adaptive management as intended by the SMP, limited maintenance and management tasks such as development of tules and other native marsh vegetation, weed control within the habitat berm, inspection of erosion or settling with respect to habitat level, and patrolling for trash and trespass. SFCWA is proposing a transfer of the project site to CDFW to be managed as part of the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area.

2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA

An addendum to the SMP EIS/EIR was prepared for this project (i.e. Tule Red Restoration Project) pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

The Tule Red Restoration Project Addendum to the SMP EIS/EIR (SCH#2003112039) is available for review at:

<http://www.sfcwa.org/2013/03/27/tule-red-restoration-project/>

It is also available at: SFCWA, 1121 L Street, Suite 806, Sacramento, CA 95814.

The Suisun Marsh Plan EIS/EIR is available for review at:

http://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=781

The Suisun Marsh Plan was determined to have a significant effect on the environment, a mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted, a statement of overriding considerations were adopted, and findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.