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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO CERTIFY
A FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15089, and title 2, section 2906, this is to advise that the California State Lands Commission (CSLC), as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as Lead Agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), have completed a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (Final EIS/EIR) for the proposed Project described below.

Project Title: Mendota Pool Bypass and Reach 2B Improvements Project

Project Location: Reach 2B of the San Joaquin River extends from the Chowchilla Bifurcation Structure to the Mendota Dam. Fresno and Madera Counties and the cities of Fresno and Firebaugh.

Project Description: The Reclamation and the CSLC have prepared a joint EIS/EIR, pursuant to NEPA and CEQA, respectively, to evaluate the proposed Project. The proposed Project includes the construction, operation and maintenance of the Mendota Pool Bypass (Bypass) and improvements, and the modification, operation and maintenance of the San Joaquin River channel to allow a section of Reach 2B to convey at least 4,500 cubic feet per second. Reach 2B of the San Joaquin River extends from the Chowchilla Bifurcation Structure to the Mendota Dam. The planning and environmental review for the proposed Project is authorized under Section 3406(c)(1) of the Central Valley Project Improvement Act and the San Joaquin River Restoration Act included in Public Law 111-11. Construction of the proposed Project is authorized under the San Joaquin River Restoration Act (Public Law 111-11). The proposed Project is a component of the San Joaquin River Settlement.

Document Locations:

The Final EIS/EIR, identified as CSLC EIR #776 and State Clearinghouse No. 2009072044, may be viewed on or downloaded from, in PDF format, the CSLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov (click on the Information and CEQA Updates links). Copies of the Final EIS/EIR will also be available for review at the locations listed below.¹

California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite100-South Sacramento, CA 95825	Bureau of Reclamation Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library 2800 Cottage Way Sacramento, CA 95825
Bureau of Reclamation South-Central California Area Office 1243 N Street Fresno, CA 93721	Los Banos Library 1312 S. 7th Street Los Banos, CA 93635
Fresno County Public Library - Mendota Branch Library 1246 Belmont Ave Mendota, CA 93640	Fresno County Public Library - Firebaugh Branch Library 1315 O Street Firebaugh, CA 93622
Natural Resources Library U.S. Department of the Interior 1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building Washington, DC 20240-0001	

The Final EIR is tentatively scheduled for consideration at the December 6, 2016, scheduled meeting of the CSLC, unless otherwise stated on the CSLC's website. The time and location of the meeting will be posted on the CSLC's website at www.slc.ca.gov when specific meeting information becomes known.

If you have any questions, need additional information from a State or CEQA perspective, or would like a compact disc (CD) or hard copy of the Final EIS/EIR mailed to you, please contact Christopher Huitt at (916) 574-2080 or christopher.huitt@slc.ca.gov.

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¹ All documents referenced in the EIS/EIR will also be available at this address for public review during the CSLC's normal working hours (State CEQA Guidelines, § 15087, subd. (c)(5)).