

Notice of Determination

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

State Clearinghouse Number: 2007121110

Project Title: Addendum to 2009 Final EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project (Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan 2020-2045)

Project Location: The Project is located on the western side of San Joaquin Valley, and the Grassland Drainage Area and other Project features are located primarily in the counties of Merced and Fresno. The inclusion of the San Joaquin River to Crows Landing for compliance monitoring adds Stanislaus County to the Project Area.

Project Description: The Project is continuation and minor modification of the Grassland Bypass Project through adoption of the Long-Term Storm Water Management Plan 2020-2045, to allow continued use of the San Luis Drain at its current capacity (150 cfs) combined with use of existing and new short-term storage basins to reduce storm-induced discharges to Mud Slough (North) in the San Luis National Wildlife Refuge and the California Fish and Wildlife Service China Island Refuge. The proposed action makes refinements to the previously analyzed GBP and includes measures to address the capacity limitations of the Grassland Bypass Channel and San Luis Drain, storm event frequency and magnitude, and available storm water management tools to minimize discharges. It also enhances existing facilities including securing ownership of land for purposes of expanding the San Joaquin River Water Quality Improvement Project (drainage reuse area), new pump/conveyance systems, additional short-term storage basins, and a remote shut-off system for operation of tile sumps throughout the Grassland Drainage Area.

This is to advise that the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Lead Agency) has adopted an Addendum to the 2009 Final EIS/EIR for, and approved continuation and modification of, the Grassland Bypass Project and on October 10, 2019, and has made the following determinations regarding the above described Project:

1. An Addendum to the 2009 Final EIS/EIR for the Grassland Bypass Project was prepared for this Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

2. The Addendum concluded that none of the conditions described in CEQA Guidelines sections 15162 and 15163 or Public Resources Code section 21166 have occurred as a result of the proposed Project modifications.
3. A mitigation monitoring program, prepared pursuant to Public Resource Code §21081.6 and CEQA Guidelines §15096, was originally adopted for this Project. Mitigation measures re-adopted and refined as part of the modified Project are set forth in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program adopted in connection with the Lead Agency's approval of the modified Project on October 10, 2019.
4. The CEQA Findings and Statement of Overriding Considerations made in connection with certification of the 2009 Final EIS/EIR remain valid and appropriate for the Project as modified.

This is to certify that the Addendum to the Final 2009 EIS/EIR with comments and responses and record of Project approval is available to the general public at: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority, 842 Sixth Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.

Signature _____

Federico Barajas, Executive Director

San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Date _____

Date Received for filing at OPR _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.