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MEMORANDUM

TO: Grassland Basin Drainers

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SUBJECT: Mud Slough Restoration Project Schedule

Tasks that need to be completed for the Mud Slough Restoration Project are completion of the permit applications and submittal. The permits were almost ready for submittal this fall but were delayed because of the water rights determinations. In addition the biological assessment needs to be prepared for the USF&WS. Judy has the information she needs for this and will target completion in January/early February for submittal.

For the CEQA process Susan Hootkins is incorporating the hydrology, biology and cultural reports into the Initial Study. She will plan to have a draft Initial Study and Mitigated Neg Dec available for Water Authority review in December. A target timetable is to release the draft IS and MND for 30 day public review in early February. We would provide it as information item to the Water Authority Board likely at their February 4, 2021 meeting. The documents would then be put on the Water Authority website and would include:

- Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration
- Draft Initial Study
 - Appendix A – Project drawings
 - Appendix B – Biological Report
 - Appendix C – Cultural Report
 - Appendix D - Hydrology Study

A list of interested parties and state agencies would be developed to notify of the availability of the documents.