

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION
1685 E Street, Fresno, CA 93706

PUBLIC NOTICE
Concerning

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
For
SEQUOIA NATIONAL FOREST, KERN RIVER RANGER DISTRICT
OSA MEADOW RESTORATION PROJECT
TULARE COUNTY

The Sequoia National Forest (referred to as Applicant) applied for a Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification (Certification) for its proposed meadow restoration project, which will result in a discharge of fill material to waters of the United States. The project will restore channel/floodplain connectivity and function to the incised reaches of Osa Meadow in the Sequoia National Forest. The project will fill the incised channel/gully with native rock and soil. Prior to issuing a Certification for the project, a review of the project's potential environmental impacts is required pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) is the lead agency for the CEQA review. The CEQA review period begins on 1 April 2016 and ends on 2 May 2016.

Any comments or recommendations you may have concerning the Initial Study or the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be submitted to this office (1685 'E' Street, Fresno, CA 93706) by 5:00 p.m. on 2 May 2016 in order for us to give them full consideration prior to the 23/24 June meeting of the Central Valley Water Board. Comments received after this time will not be considered or included in the administrative record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board Chair.

Interested parties are advised that the full text of the Initial Study or the Mitigated Negative Declaration is available on the Central Valley Water Board's web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/rwqcb5/board_decisions/tentative_orders/index.shtml

under the heading of "Discharger-Specific Orders for Future Board Meetings."

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: 23/24 June

TIME: 8:30 a.m.

PLACE: Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region 11020 Sun Center Drive
#200 Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Anyone without access to the Internet who needs a paper copy of the Initial Study or Mitigated Negative Declaration should contact Debra Mahnke at (559) 445-6281 or debra.mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov.

These and other related documents may also be inspected and copied at the Central Valley Water Board's office at 1685 E Street, Fresno, California, weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. by appointment.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.

Original signed by

Lonnie M. Wass, Supervising Engineer

28 March 2016