

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH # 2024080016**Project Title:** Sunset Weir and Pumps Fish Passage ProjectLead Agency: California Department of Water ResourcesContact Person: Kevin MarrMailing Address: P.O. Box 942836Phone: (916) 882-2676City: SacramentoZip: 94236-0001County: Sacramento**Project Location:** County: Sutter and Yuba Counties City/Nearest Community: Live OakCross Streets: Paseo Road, McDonald Avenue, Kent AvenueZip Code: 95953Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 39 ° 14 ' 50 " N / 121 ° 38 ' 14 " W Total Acres: 3.1Assessor's Parcel No.: 09-350-002, 09-305-003, 10-045-002, 005-010-017Section: 9Twp.: 16NRange: 3EBase: MDBMWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Highway 99, Highway 70Waterways: Feather RiverAirports: N/ARailways: N/ASchools: N/A**Document Type:**CEQA: ☐ NOP☐ Draft EIRNEPA: ☐ NOIOther: ☐ Joint Document☐ Early Cons☒ Supplement/Subsequent EIR☐ EA☐ Final Document☐ Neg Dec(Prior SCH No.) 2019100230☐ Draft EIS☐ Other: _____☐ Mit Neg Dec

Other: _____

☐ FONSI**Local Action Type:**☐ General Plan Update☐ Specific Plan☐ Rezone☐ Annexation☐ General Plan Amendment☐ Master Plan☐ Prezone☐ Redevelopment☐ General Plan Element☐ Planned Unit Development☐ Use Permit☐ Coastal Permit☐ Community Plan☐ Site Plan☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)☐ Other: _____**Development Type:**☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____☐ Educational: _____☐ Recreational: _____☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Transportation: Type _____☐ Mining: Mineral _____☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____☒ Other: Weir Removal**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**☒ Aesthetic/Visual☐ Fiscal☒ Recreation/Parks☒ Vegetation☒ Agricultural Land☒ Flood Plain/Flooding☒ Schools/Universities☒ Water Quality☒ Air Quality☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard☒ Septic Systems☒ Water Supply/Groundwater☒ Archeological/Historical☒ Geologic/Seismic☒ Sewer Capacity☒ Wetland/Riparian☒ Biological Resources☒ Minerals☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading☒ Growth Inducement☐ Coastal Zone☒ Noise☒ Solid Waste☒ Land Use☒ Drainage/Absorption☒ Population/Housing Balance☒ Toxic/Hazardous☒ Cumulative Effects☐ Economic/Jobs☒ Public Services/Facilities☒ Traffic/Circulation☒ Other: GHG emissions, Tribal Cultural Resources**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**Ag-20 (Agriculture 20 acre minimum); OS (Open Space)**Project Description:** *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

See attached

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

☒ Air Resources Board	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☒ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☐ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☐ California Highway Patrol	☐ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # <u>3</u>	☐ Public Utilities Commission
☐ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
☐ Caltrans Planning	☒ Resources Agency
☒ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☐ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☐ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☒ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☐ Energy Commission	☒ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>2</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☐ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☐ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☐ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☐ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Health Services, Department of	☐ Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Environmental Science Associates</u>	Applicant: <u>California Department of Water Resources</u>
Address: <u>2600 Capitol Ave., # 200</u>	Address: <u>P.O. Box 942836</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Sacramento, CA 95816</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Sacramento, CA 94236-0001</u>
Contact: <u>Justin Gragg</u>	Phone: <u>(916) 653-5791</u>
Phone: <u>916-564-4500</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: *Steve Fournier* Date: 12/30/2025

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal (Continued)

Project Title: Sunset Weir and Pumps Fish Passage Project

Project Description: The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) proposes the Sunset Weir and Pumps Fish Passage Project (Proposed Project), which consists of the following features:

- Removal of the Sunset Weir and restoration of natural, volitional passage conditions for protected migratory fish species.
- Replacement and upgrade of the Sunset Pump Station to operate at a lower surface water elevation and rehabilitation of existing pump discharge pipelines.
- Installation of new fish screens that meet current State and federal standards for protecting fish.
- Eroded Feather River left bank stabilization downstream of the weir incorporating bioengineering techniques.

Removal of the Sunset Weir would restore unimpeded passage so that migratory fish could access the 28.5 miles of the Feather River from the Sunset Weir (River Mile 38.5) upstream to the existing Feather River Fish Barrier Dam (River Mile 67). Weir removal would also allow for a more natural riverine morphology with variable and distinct habitat types (e.g., deep pools and shallow riffles), as compared to the current backwatered and more slough-like conditions that persist for miles upstream of the existing weir; in this way, weir removal would restore natural fish passage conditions for the Feather River channel.

Concurrent with weir removal and river restoration, the Sunset Pumps would be replaced and upgraded to be able to operate under the lowered riverine hydraulic conditions to meet existing water supply obligations. This would involve replacing the pumps and motor units and slip-lining or replacing associated discharge piping, constructing a new cast-in-place concrete structure (i.e., wet well) that would house the pumps and motor units, and installing contemporary fish screens that meet current criteria.

Bank stabilization work on the left bank of the Feather River would be implemented as part of the Proposed Project. The work would involve flattening the eroding bank to a 3 horizontal to 1 vertical slope and protecting most of it against further failure and erosion using vegetated rock slope protection and bioengineering methods. The toe and lower portion of the vegetated rock slope protection would be stabilized with rock slope protection up to the ordinary high-water mark, with longitudinal peak stone toe protection, and with willow pole baffles planted perpendicularly to the flow.