



California Environmental Quality Act: Notice of Exemption

**To: Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
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**From: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
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Project Name: Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project

Project Location - Specific: The project is located on Webb Tract, an island located in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). Centered at coordinates 38.079478° and -121.609376°. See attached map.

Project Location - City: N/A (Unincorporated)

Project Location - County: Contra Costa County

Description of Project:

The project will restore approximately 2,320 acres of wetlands habitat (1,900 acres emergent wetland habitat + 110 acres open water + 310 acres transitional seasonal wetland habitat) within Webb Tract. The wetlands habitat will benefit native Delta wildlife, such as migratory waterfowl and the federally-listed and state-listed giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*) by increasing the availability of aquatic foraging and refugia habitat for the species. The project is also expected to benefit western pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) by expanding suitable aquatic foraging habitat for the species, tricolored blackbird (*Agelaius tricolor*) by increasing the extent of dense cattails and tules, and sandhill crane (*Grus canadensis*) by expanding the extent of potential foraging and loafing habitat. The project includes construction of new wetland management units with associated berms and new infrastructure (i.e., weir boxes, flap gates, culverts). Additionally, existing siphons will be used to supply water to the wetland management units and existing District Canals will be used for drainage. The project could also generate carbon credits that could be used to offset emissions under Metropolitan’s Board-adopted Climate Action Plan or sold on the open market to fund ongoing maintenance activities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: The Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

Exempt Status: (check as applicable)

- Ministerial (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(1); State CEQA Guidelines
- Declared Emergency (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(3); State CEQA Guidelines
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4); State CEQA Guidelines
- Categorical Exemption, Class 1, State CEQA Guidelines §15301
- Statutory Exemption (Public Resources Code §21080.56); Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects “SERP”
- Other, State CEQA Guidelines §15061(b)(3)

Reasons why project is exempt:

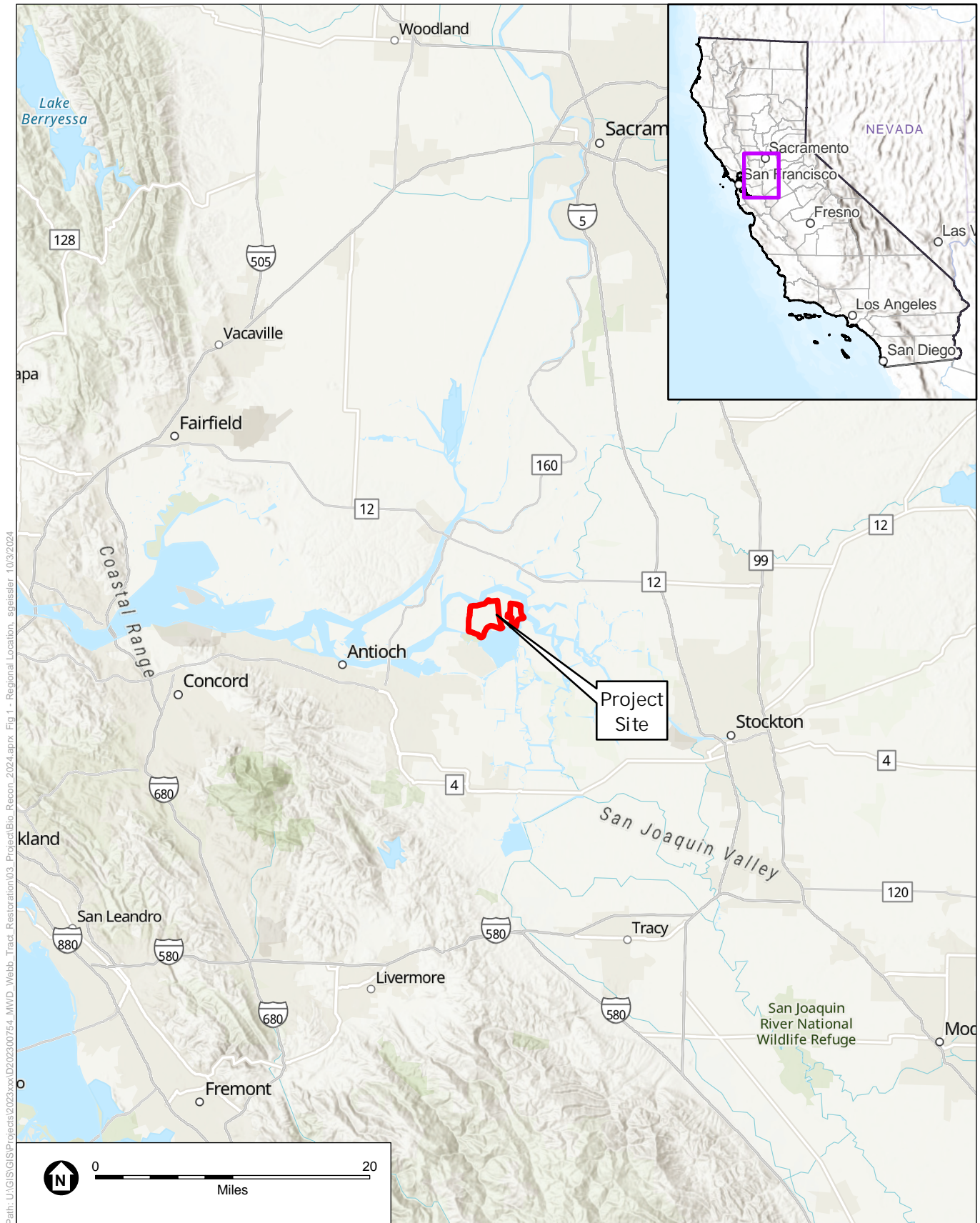
The Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project meets all requirements described in Public Resources Code Section 21080.56 for a Statutory Exemption for Restoration Projects. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife has concurred on July 22, 2025, that the project meets all requirements and is exempt (CDFW SERP Concurrence No. 21080.56-2025-076-R3). The project is 1) to conserve, restore, protect, or enhance, and assist in the recovery of California native fish and wildlife, and the habitat upon which they depend, and will restore or provide habitat for California native fish and wildlife; the project 2) may have public benefits incidental to the project’s fundamental purpose; the project 3) will result in long-term net benefits to climate resiliency, biodiversity, and sensitive species recovery and include procedures and ongoing management for the protection of the environment; and 4) project construction activities are solely related to habitat restoration.

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Webb Tract Wetland Restoration Project

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Regional Location



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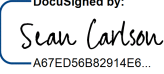
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