

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF TEHAMA COUNTY

BOARD AGENDA AND PACKET FOR MARCH 4, 2026 MEETING

Adams Pond Restoration Project

RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF TEHAMA COUNTY

**RESOLUTION APPROVING the CEQA INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION and MEASURES**

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF TEHAMA COUNTY
ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE ADAMS POND RESTORATION PROJECT
RESOLUTION #2026-02**

WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) is established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and by the rules of the Tehama County Local Agency Formation Committee as a locally governed agency with primary authority to implement local natural resource conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the RCDTC has been granted funding through a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service Region 5, State and Private Forestry Program, administered to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Grant Awardee) and passed through to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Grant - Sub awardee) in 2022 for Storm Damage Post Fire Disaster Recovery.

WHEREAS, the RCDTC wishes to implement the Adams Pond Restoration Project (here throughout referred to as the "Project"), to restore a licensed and permitted, private agricultural pond impacted by the 2021 McFarland Fire to pre-fire conditions. The project is located in western Tehama County, California, off Vestal Road, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff, on Stinking Creek, a tributary to Salt Creek, within the Cottonwood Creek watershed (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W). The project occurs on private land at an elevation of approximately 1,000-1,200 feet above sea level. The fire caused extensive vegetation loss in the upper Stinking Creek watershed, leading to increased soil erosion and significant sediment deposition within the pond, reducing the pond's water-holding capacity by approximately 75% and impacting associated aquatic habitat. The proposed Project will remove 80,000 cubic yards of sediment from the pond, restore aquatic habitats, and stabilize surrounding uplands through revegetation. Once work is complete, the Project will reestablish aquatic habitat, support water retention for agricultural and fire suppression needs, and prevent future downstream sedimentation. Work will be completed during the dry season and will take approximately 60 working days. The sediment removal may occur during the dry season for more than one year depending on the availability of funds.

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WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held before the RCDTC on March 4, 2026;
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WHEREAS, the RCDTC has considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by RCDTC staff; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration determined that the project would potentially significantly impact Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality without the implementation of Mitigation Measures; and

WHEREAS, the RCDTC has adopted Mitigation Measures to reduce potential project Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality impacts to less than significant, as described in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public review and comment per CEQA for a 30-day review period that ended on February 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for state review and comment per CEQA for a 30-day review period that ended on February 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was referred to potentially affected property owners, various affected public and private agencies, County departments, native American tribes, and referral agencies for review and comments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the RCDTC has solicited and considered public comments which included one comment from the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams dated January 23, 2026, and a staff report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC):

I. Adopts a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA with the following findings:

- A. An Initial Study was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Said study identified potentially significant environmental effects and included mitigation measures that would mitigate such effects below significant levels; a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed.
- B. The RCDTC has considered the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, together with comments received during the review process and public hearing.
- C. On the basis of the whole record before the Board of the RCDTC, including the Initial Study and any comments received, the RCDTC has determined the Project as developed, implemented, and mitigated, would not have a significant impact on the environment.
- D. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the RCDTC, which is the Lead Agency under CEQA.
- E. The Mitigated Negative Declaration includes Mitigation Measures **BIO-MM-GEN 1 to 3; BIO-MM-HERP-1 to 11; BIO-MM-NWPT-1 to 5; BIO-MM-FYLF-1; BIO-**

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- F. The RCDTC will serve as custodian of the record of this CEQA determination. The location of the record is 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.
- II. Finds that the collection of fees pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4 and 14 CCR 753.5 is required, prior to filing a Notice of Determination for the Project. The Project will not be operative, nor may any local permits be issued for the Project, and the Project will be invalid (per Section 711.4 (c) (3)) until such fees are paid.
- III. In order to avoid, minimize, and/or reduce environmental impacts of the Project to a less than significant level, the RCDTC approves the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for this Project, as detailed in Attachment A of this document.
- IV. Adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project is subject to the following findings:
- A. The proposed use on the property where the Project is located will not impair the integrity and character of the community and watershed resources.
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1. The RCDTC has circulated the proposed Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to County, responsible and Trustee agencies and has not received any responses that indicate that there is evidence that the Project, with fifty-eight (58) appropriate mitigation measures, would cause any significant environmental impacts.
 2. The environmental impacts of this Project appear to be minor in general. Assuming all mitigation measures are dutifully executed, impacts will be less than significant.
 3. Adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for this Project does not preclude the possible need for permits and/or licenses from other, local, State, federal, and Responsible or Trustee agencies under CEQA.
- C. The Project does not require the removal of any rare, threatened, or protected species.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution #2026-02, adopted on the motion of Logan Jennings, seconded by Trena Kimler-Richards, and duly passed at a regular public

meeting held by the Board of Directors at 9:15 A.M. on March 4, 2026, at the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County, 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, California.

Roll Call was as follows:

AYES: T. Hamelberg, L. Jennings, V. Williams, T. Kimler-Richards, T. Stroing, F. Dawley,

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: M. Vasey

Submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "T. Kimler-Richards", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

3/4/2026

Board President



Regular Meeting

March 4th, 2026, 9:15 AM RCDTC Conference Room 206 Walnut St, Red Bluff

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	Agenda Item	Status
I.	Introductions – Open Meeting	
II.	Consider approval of Directors request to participate remotely and utilize Just Cause or Emergency Circumstance per AB 2449	Discussion/ Action
III.	Public Comments & Communications	
IV.	CONSENT AGENDA	Action
	A. Minutes of February 4th, 2026, Board Meeting	
	B. Expenses to be Paid in March	
	REGULAR AGENDA-Open Meeting	
V.	Action Items	
	A. Updates to Personnel Policies 3102, 3116, and 3505	Action
	B. Update to Personnel Policy 3104	Action
	C. Approve Code of Conduct and Respectful Workplace Policy	Action
	D. Approve Adoption of Project-Specific Analysis and Addendum – CalVTP- Tehama Wildlife Area	Action
	E. Approve Mitigated Negative Declaration for Adam’s Pond Project	Action
	F. Human Resources Job Description	Action
	G. Select a contractor for Forest Service Stair Steps Project	Action
	H. Adopt Resolution 2026-04	Action
VI.	Finance	
	A. Finance Reports	Action
VII.	Discussion/Report Items	Informational
	A. Mendocino National Forest Reforestation Project	Discussion
	B. ERP Update	Discussion
	C. NRCS Staff Report	Discussion
	D. District Manager Report	Discussion
	E. RCDTC Staff Reports	Discussion

Any written materials related to an open session item on this agenda that are submitted to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County less than 72 hours prior to the Board meeting, and that are not exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Act, will promptly be made available for public inspection at the RCDTC Office, 202 Walnut St., Red Bluff, California, during normal business hours. For persons requiring accommodations pertaining to physical accessibility, sign language interpretation, Braille, large print, or alternative formats, please contact the RCDTC office at least 5 days in advance of the meeting at (530) 727-1280.

	F.	Other Reports	Discussion
<u>VII.</u>		Board of Directors Comments	Discussion
IX.		Adjourn	



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We've Moved!

As of Monday, July 29, 2024 the RCDTC has opened doors to its new building at 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080. We are excited to integrate and engage with our community from our new center of operations in downtown Red Bluff!

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NEWS

Local calendar

Check the Chamber website.

Celebrate Recovery Corning: 6 p.m. New Life Assembly, 660 Solano St., Corning. Contact Mike Smith at 530-953-5335 for more information.

Wednesday

RED BLUFF

Soroptimist International of Red Bluff: 2nd Wednesday every month at 5:30 pm, Red Bluff Community Center, 1500 Jackson St.

The Tehama County Mosquito and Vector Control District meetings: noon, second Wednesday, at 11861 Hwy 99W in Red Bluff.

Red Bluff Kiwanis: noon, Elks Lodge

Resource Conservation District of Tehama County: First Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. at 2 Walnut St., Red Bluff, 530-727-1280

Senior Aerobics: 8 a.m., Red Bluff Community Center, 1500 S. Jackson St.

Tehama County Board of Education meeting: 4 p.m., 1135 Lincoln St., 528-7323; Zoom meeting ID 745 8531 1262, password 532640

Tehama County Child Abuse Prevention Coordinating Council: 8:30 a.m., Family Resc Center, 1135 Lincoln St., Third Wednesday every month

Tehama County Mental Health Board: 12:15 p.m., Teams Teleconference, 1 805-456-4 Conference ID: 146 345 189#

Widowed persons breakfast: 8 a.m., (530) 366-1773 for location.

Airport Commission Meeting: 5:30 p.m., 2nd Wednesday of the month.

Westside Grange: dances every Wednesday from 7 p.m to 9:30 p.m.. \$6 per person. There is a live band, a potluck supper, a raffle, and door prizes.

VFW Post 1932: meets on the second Wednesday at noon at the Red Bluff Veterans Buil 735 Oak Street.

CORNING

AA Corning Open Meeting: 5 p.m., St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 820 Marin St., 588-9: 7599

V. Action Items

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V. Action Items

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Recommendation:

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AYES:

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ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: None

Submitted by,

Board President

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Recommendation:

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- 2) Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP); and*
- 3) Approve Resolution No. 2026-02 adopting the IS/MND for the Project.*



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Staff Report

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project: Adams Pond Restoration Project

Project Proponent: Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC), Red Bluff, CA

Staff Report Attachments:

- A. Original Text of the Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Components, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) and Associated Appendices (Modifications Not Required))

Hardcopy text of all documents are available for RCDTC Board Review at the RCD of Tehama County offices or on its website at:

<https://www.tehamacountyracd.org/notices>

Online access to these documents is also available through the State Clearinghouse website at:

<https://ceganet.lci.ca.gov/2026010583>

- B. Public Notice – Notice of Intent, Notice of Completion, Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal, Draft Notice of Determination, Legal Notices, Distribution Lists, and Distribution Records for the Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declarations
- C. Comments Received from January 15, 2026 through February 18, 2026 on the Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and Associated Appendices and RCDTC Response to Comments
- D. Resolution Approving the Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Components, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and Associated Appendices

Project Location: The 29.4 acre project is located on private property off Vestal Road in western Tehama County, California, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff, on Stinking Creek, a tributary to Salt Creek, within the Cottonwood Creek watershed (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W). **(See Figure 1.).**



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Project Location Legal Description: The Project lies within the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Cold Fork quadrangle map (Section 36, Township T28N, Range R8W, Mount Diablo Meridian) at approximately:

NW corner: 40.231056°N, -122.718891°W
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I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Executive Summary

The Adams Pond Restoration Project is a post-fire watershed restoration effort located on private land in western Tehama County, California. The Project addresses substantial sedimentation caused by the 2021 McFarland Fire, which resulted in extensive vegetation loss and accelerated erosion in the upper Stinking Creek watershed. As a result, approximately 75 percent of Adams Pond's original water storage capacity has been lost due to sediment deposition.

The proposed Project will remove accumulated sediment from Adams Pond, restore aquatic and riparian habitat, stabilize disturbed upland areas, and re-establish native vegetation. Construction activities will occur during a 4–5 week dry-season window (August 1 through October 1), when inflows to the pond have ceased and downstream connectivity is absent. This timing avoids impacts to downstream waters and aquatic resources while allowing work to occur in predominantly dry conditions.

The Project will restore the pond's hydrologic and storage capacity, improve water quality, enhance habitat for wildlife including the Northwestern Pond Turtle, and reduce anticipated future sediment delivery to downstream watersheds. In addition, the Project will improve long-term watershed resilience to wildfire and drought while maintaining agricultural and fire protection water storage benefits. The Project is funded through a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service Region 5, State and Private Forestry Program, administered to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Grant Awardee) and passed through to the



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Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Grant - Sub awardee) in 2022 for Storm Damage Post Fire Disaster Recovery.

The project is in direct response to Executive Order N-13-21, where Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Tehama County due to the McFarland and Dixie Fires and ordered that State statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements were hereby suspended to the extent they would prevent, hinder, or delay the following activities:

“Necessary restoration and rehabilitation of timberland, streams, rivers, and other waterways. Such statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements are hereby suspended only to the extent necessary for expediting the removal and cleanup of debris from the fires, and for implementing any restoration plan. Individuals who desire to conduct activities under this suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements shall first request that the appropriate Agency Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension.”

An Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the Project's potential environmental effects. The analysis determined that the Project would result in no impacts or less-than-significant impacts in most resource areas. Potentially adverse effects related to Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through implementation of identified mitigation measures and best management practices.

With incorporation of mitigation measures, regulatory permit conditions, and construction best management practices, the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate.

Public Benefit Summary

The Project restores a fire-damaged pond and associated aquatic habitat, reduces the potential for future downstream sedimentation, and enhances water storage for agriculture and fire protection, without causing significant environmental impacts.

Project Site

The Project Site is located on private ranchland in Tehama County, California, off Vestal Road, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W), within the 2022 Cold Fork, CA 7.5-minute series, 1:24,000 scale, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangle (Figure 1). Elevations within the Project Limits range from approximately 1,000 feet above mean sea level at the pond to 1,200 feet at the highest point south of the pond.



The Project encompasses 29.4 acres (1,281,084 square feet) and includes the limits of excavation, fill areas, staging areas, potential haul road alignments, an ephemeral stream crossing, and a buffer zone around these features (Figure 2). The Project Limits also include a portion of the existing access road from Staging Area 1 to Staging Area 2 and a buffer from the access roads outer edge.

Directions to the Site

Access to the Project Site is with permission only. Access to the property is via State Route (SR) 36. From SR 36, turn south onto Vestal Road, a dirt road. Drive south on Vestal Road for approximately 4.32 miles and turn right onto the Site access road and past the locked gate. Follow the Site access road for 2.1 miles to the property access drive and 2nd locked gate. Once past the second gate, travel approximately 650 feet to Staging Area 1 and the existing barn. Vestal Road crosses Salt Creek three times, along with other intermittent watercourses, on its way to the Site. These crossings are existing, at-grade crossings and will remain unchanged during construction. The Project will not alter the current use of the road. The road is currently used for agricultural purposes, residential access and the transport of cattle.

Existing Conditions

Adams Pond is a privately owned, licensed agricultural pond that provides seasonal water storage for agricultural and fire suppression use and habitat for aquatic and riparian species. Adam's Pond is a main channel in-line reservoir on Stinking Creek that discharges seasonally through a concrete spillway. The pond is fed by seasonal inflows from Stinking Creek and ephemeral inflows from the direct contribution area. During a typical dry season, inflows cease in mid to late July and the pond level drops below its spillway elevation preventing downstream discharge until winter storms renew inflows from the upper watershed.

Stinking Creek is a Class I tributary to Salt Creek, which flows into Dry Creek, then to South Fork Cottonwood Creek, and then to Cottonwood Creek, and ultimately to the Sacramento River located approximately 29 miles to the northeast of the Project Area. Stinking Creek within the Project Limits flows generally west to east. Within the Project Limits, several state and federally regulated ephemeral streams, and one state regulated drainage discharges to Stinking Creek.

The property owner has the right to use the waters of Stinking Creek for the purpose of Domestic, Stockwatering, Recreational, Wildlife Enhancement, and Fire Protection use under Permit 20469 of the State Water Resource Control Board (WRCB) which became effective on September 15, 1987. Permit 20469 is currently valid and in good standing. The amount of water to which this right is entitled shall not exceed forty-two (42) acre-feet per annum collected from October 1 of each year to May 31 of the succeeding year. The maximum amount of water



collected for storage under License 12331 must not exceed 45 acre-feet per year and the capacity of the reservoir must not exceed 45 acre-feet.

The area exhibits a natural and visually secluded character, typical of the foothill region of the Coast Ranges. There are no nearby residences or recreation. Access to the pond is via private ranch roads and gated property.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has mapped the primary soil units within the Project Limits as Lodo and Maymen Shaly Loams with 30 to 65 percent slopes, and Rockland (NRCS WebSoils). These soil types are typically found on steep gradients and are prone to erosion and sediment transport. The surrounding soils that contribute direct runoff to the pond are eroded into steep ravines with narrow, low sinuosity steep gradient channels of fragmented shale (serpentine) and clays. Deposits from numerous inflow events have filled the pond. The sediment profile within the pond varies in grain size generally less than 1/2" diameter with the grain size generally larger to the west and finer to the east.

Prior to the **2021 McFarland Fire**, Adams Pond featured open water surrounded by riparian vegetation, willows, and cattails with foothill pine and blue oak in the upland. Post-fire erosion and sedimentation have filled approximately 75% of the pond basin, leaving large expanses of bare sediment and disturbed soils (Figures 3 and Figure 4 and Photos). Willows have started to colonize the dry portions of the pond basin. Blue Oak / Foothill Pine habitat that was lost during the fire has been replaced with Annual Grassland with charred snags of various diameters and heights and downed large wood. The original cabin located south of the pond was also lost to the fire and only concrete components remain. North of the pond, on an upper terrace, there is a barn and staged construction equipment. An existing dirt access road and drive connect the barn area to the original cabin location. Dirt access roads and paths are located past the original cabin location.

Purpose and Need

The 2021 McFarland Fire destabilized soil in the upper Stinking Creek watershed resulting in significant post-fire sedimentation, which reduced the water carrying capacity of Adams Pond and impaired its ecological functions. The pond supports a population of Northwestern Pond Turtle, a State species of special concern and a proposed federal threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. This sedimentation event resulted in a 75% reduction of the pond's original volume, reducing the ponds' surface areas from its original 4.2 acres to approximately one acre and significantly impacting water storage capacity, aquatic habitat volume, and seasonal water quality. It is anticipated that over time more of Adams Pond's storage capacity will be lost due to sedimentation which will further reduce NWPT habitat and eventually result in the transport of sediment past the concrete spillway to downstream streams and reservoirs.



Project Objectives

- Restore the storage capacity of Adams Pond to pre-fire conditions.
- Re-establish aquatic and riparian habitats lost to post-fire sedimentation.

Proposed Activity

The Adams Pond Restoration Project will remove sediment that accumulated in Adams Pond following the 2021 McFarland Fire.

The Project will:

- Excavate approximately **80,000 cubic yards (CY)** of sediment from Adams Pond;
- Restore approximately **3.2 acres (ac.)** of aquatic and riparian habitat regulated as Waters of the State of California (WOTS) and Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS);
- Restore approximately **3,500 linear feet (LF)** of pond bank; and,
- Enhance long-term water storage capacity, aquatic habitat function, and drought resilience.

The Project will also contribute to regional watershed restoration and recovery and enhance water quality. The Project aligns with state policy under the California Water Code (Section 13100 et seq.) and the Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. (CEQA).

The Project will directly impact approximately 6.61 acres and includes the limits of sediment removal, the staging areas, a temporary haul road, a proposed temporary culvert, and the existing access road (Figure 2 & Figure 5).

Project Impact Area in Acres

Sediment Removal Limits	3.2
Limits of Sediment Disposal	1.95
Proposed Temporary Culvert	0.014
Haul Road (Approx.)	0.42
Existing Roads	0.47
Staging Area 1	0.32
Staging Area 2	0.24
	6.61

Given the steep slopes and remote location, material excavated from the pond will be disposed of in a state drainage regulated under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of California, resulting in 0.025 ac. (360 LF) (26.5 CY) of permanent impacts to WOTS.



Excavated sediment will be transported to the disposal site, approximately 2,000 feet south of the pond rather than being trucked off site. A proposed haul road, approximately 12 feet wide, will be constructed from the pond to the sediment disposal site. The haul road will cross an ephemeral stream regulated as WOTUS and WOTS resulting in approximately 0.003 ac. (20 LF) of temporary impacts to the stream channel and bank. The temporary crossing will be constructed using high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe covered with stone. The alignment of the haul road will be adjusted in the field as needed.

Additional activities include clearing previously altered upland areas for staging. Construction staging will occur at two locations: Staging Area 1 (the barn site) located north of the pond, at the site entrance, and Staging Area 2 (the cabin site) located south of the pond. Both areas were originally developed as part of the property's infrastructure.

After work is complete, the temporary culvert crossing will be removed and the stream will be restored to pre-construction conditions. Within the disposal area, a new drainage channel will be re-established in the same general horizontal alignment as the original drainage but at a higher elevation on top of the fill. The disposal area will be seeded and revegetated, and wattles and erosion control blankets will be installed to further stabilize the area. The pond banks will be reestablished, stabilized and revegetated with native seed and pole cuttings. All disturbed upland soils within the Project Limits will be stabilized and planted and/or seeded with native vegetation. In addition, 1:1 mitigation credit will be purchased from a state approved mitigation bank to mitigate for the 0.025 acres of permanent impacts to WOTS.

The proposed project will result in over 1.0 acre of earth disturbance and will require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) and an associated Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Construction will take 4-5 weeks and will occur during the late summer dry season when inflows have ceased, and the pond water level is below the overflow. This will allow excavation of dry sediment without disturbing wetland resources. Water levels will be carefully controlled during construction to optimize excavation efficiency and geotechnical stability. Sediment removal from dry areas will occur first prior to manually altering the water levels. The total project duration is estimated at 60 days, with final grading followed by revegetation using native seeds and pole cuttings. The sediment removal activities may occur over the course of 2-3 seasons depending on the availability of funds.

Lead Agency Determination

The Tehama County Resource Conservation District (RCDTC), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of identified mitigation measures.



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Accordingly, an Initial Study (IS) / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15070–15075.

Mitigation Summary

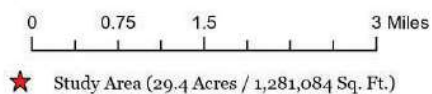
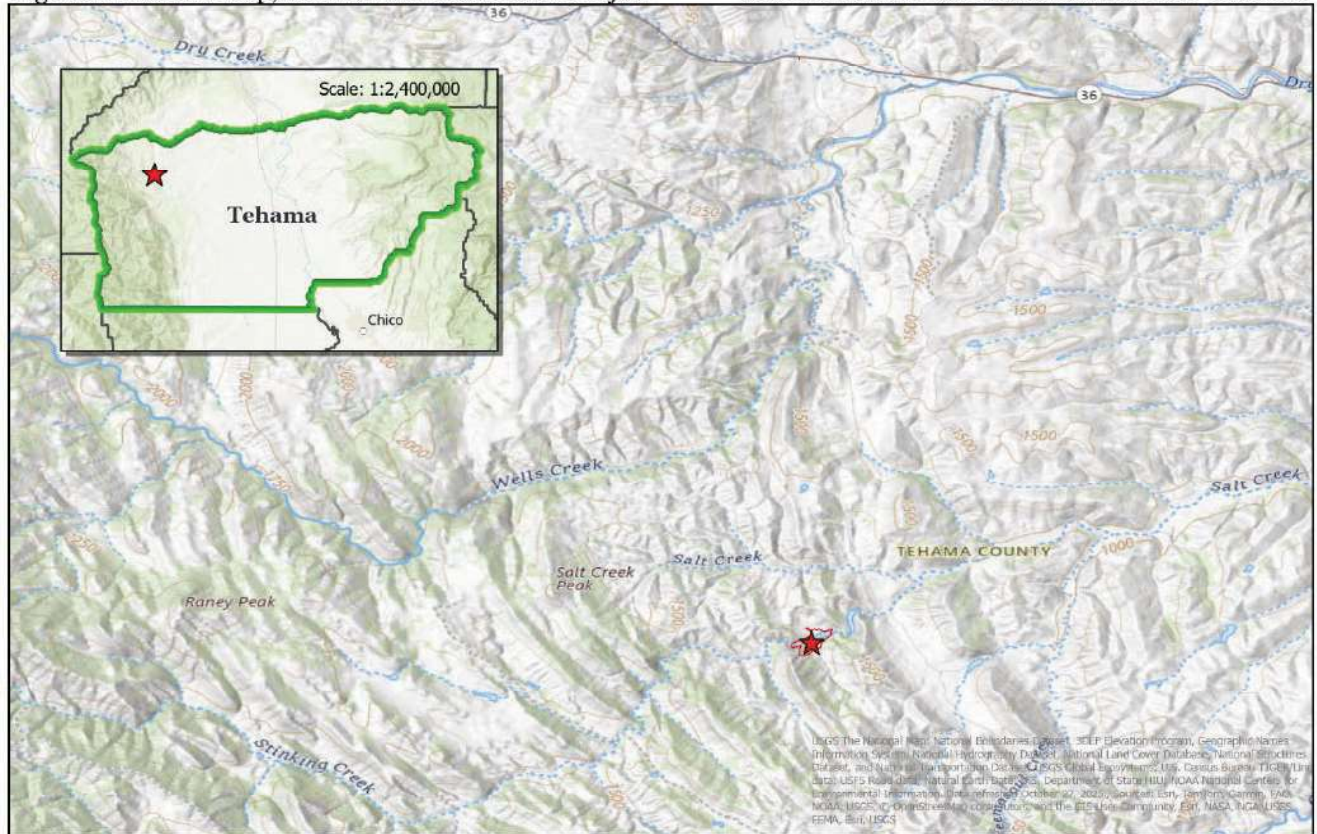
Mitigation measures are incorporated to reduce all potential short-term construction impacts to **less-than-significant levels**. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Biological Resources:** Pre-construction surveys and education, dry-season work window, construction monitoring, installation of erosion controls and turtle exclusion fencing, habitat restoration, and revegetation monitoring.
- **Geology and Soils:** Erosion control, stormwater BMPs, soil compaction, revegetation, upland stabilization, and post construction monitoring.
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** Spill prevention, fuel containment, and CAL FIRE coordination.
- **Hydrology and Water Quality:** Spill prevention and fuel containment, erosion control, soil compaction, revegetation, upland stabilization and post construction monitoring.

All mitigation measures are detailed in the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)** (Appendix A) and on the Erosion Control/Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan (Appendix D). Best Management Practices (BMPs) are listed in Appendix B and the BMP Plans and are in Appendix C. The Water Management Plan is in Appendix E. The Post Construction Restoration Plan and Monitoring Plan are in Appendix F and G respectively. The project plan-set is in Appendix N. All project Figures and Photos are at the end of the document, before the start of the Appendices.

Figure 1: Location Map, Adams Pond Restoration Project

FROM USGS Quadrangle 24k/7.5 min. 40122-B6 "Cold Fork"



Scale: 1:72,000

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Parcels Involved: Specific parcels include APNs 001-260-46-1 and 019-050-19-1.

Recommended Environmental Determination: Based upon the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County has determined that an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is the appropriate level of environmental analysis for the Adams Pond Restoration Project per the attached **Original Text of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Components, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) and all Appendices, Public and Agency Comments, and this Staff Report. One comment letter was received from the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams dated January 23, 2026 which indicated permitting under the Division of Safety of Dams was NOT REQUIRED.** A hardcopy version of the original IS/MND is available at the offices of the RCDTC and online. The original CEQA document did not require modification and has been adopted as originally published.

Summary: The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County is established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and by the rules of the Tehama County Local Agency Formation Committee as a locally governed agency with primary authority to implement local natural resource conservation measures. In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the RCDTC as CEQA Lead Agency has reviewed and approved an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by the RCDTC, the project proponent. The RCDTC Board of Directors is now considering the adoption of the IS/MND.

STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE BOARD OF THE RCDTC ADOPT THE IS / MND PER THE ATTACHED RESOLUTION (ATTACHMENT D OF THIS STAFF REPORT).

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW/CEQA ISSUES

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) prepared for this project and attached to this Staff Report, determined that the proposed Project would result in a less-than-significant impact on Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, Public Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire and less than significant impacts on the following resources with the adoption of mitigation measures: Biological Resource, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality. The Adams Pond Restoration Project IS/MND recommends fifty-eight (58) Mitigation Measures to reduce these environmental impacts to a less than significant level. The collection of fees pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section



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711.4 and 14 CCR 753.5 is required because the project has the potential to cause impacts to wildlife or their habitat. This IS/MND and all related appendices including Appendix A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was submitted to the Office of Planning and Research for circulation among responsible and regulatory State agencies (**Attachment A**). These reviews were conducted in order to ensure a more accurate description and analysis of environmental impacts and regulatory issues related to implementation of project work. These documents were also posted on the State Clearinghouse website at the following address:

<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026010583>

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and appendices were submitted for public review through their posting to the RCD of Tehama County website at the following address:

<https://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/notices>

PUBLIC NOTICING

On January 15, 2026, Public Notice was given that the RCDTC had prepared an Initial Study (IS) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and was considering adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the **Adams Pond Restoration Project**. Public notice was provided through advertisement in the Red Bluff Daily News, via email to public agencies and Native American Tribes, through posting at the project property, and by certified mail to direct property abutters. Public comments were accepted for 30-days beginning on January 15, 2026 and ending on February 15, 2026 with written comments accepted via emailing or writing the RCDTC. A copy of the IS/MND and Appendices were posted on the Tehama County Website for the 30-day review period. The IS/MND and associated Appendices were posted to the RCDTC website during the review period. All Public Notices, Legal Notices, distribution lists, and distribution records are included in **Attachment B Public Notice – Notice of Intent, Notice of Completion, Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal, Draft Notice of Determination, Legal Notices, Distribution Lists, and Distribution Records Prepared for the Adams Pond Restoration Project**.

On January 18, 2026, the IS / MND and Notice of Completion prepared for the **Adams Pond Restoration Project** was sent to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (**State Clearinghouse #2026010583**). The Clearinghouse staff published the IS/MND package on the CEQAnet database and distributed the CEQA documents electronically to State Agencies with jurisdiction over resources within the project area for a 30-day review period that ended on February 18, 2026. One comment letter dated January 23, 2026, from the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams was received by the



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RCDTC. This letter stated that permitting under the Division of Safety of Dams was NOT REQUIRED.

All comment letters and associated responses are in **Attachment C** to this Staff Report. Based upon input from members of the public along with State agency personnel, **changes, amendments, deletions or additions** to this project's IS / MND, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan or other appendices as shown in **Attachment A were not required**.



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Attachment A

Original Text of the
Adams Pond Restoration Project
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Components, Mitigation
Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) and Associated Appendices
(Modifications Not Required)

***Hardcopy text of all documents is available for RCDTC Board Review at the RCD
of Tehama County offices or online at:***

<https://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/notices>

or online at the State Clearinghouse website at:

<https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/2026010583>

MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION/ENVIROMANTAL CHECKLIST FORM (INITIAL STUDY) AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PLAN

No Modifications to the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Environmental Checklist form (Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration or IS/MND) were made after its circulation to the Office of Planning and Research, posting at the Tehama County Clerk Recorders Office. The IS/MND and related documents were circulated for public review and comment from January 15, 2026 through February 18, 2026. Only one comment was received and acknowledged. No modifications to the IS / MND or associated appendices were warranted.



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Attachment B

Public Notice – Notice of Intent, Notice of Completion, Summary Form for
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Notices, Distribution Lists, and
Distribution Records
for the
Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative
Declaration



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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR
THE
ADAMS POND RESTORATION PROJECT**

Notice is hereby given that the public is invited to review and comment on the Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed Adams Pond Restoration Project (project). The proposed MND does not signify approval or disapproval of this project. The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) will consider the proposed MND together with any comments received during the public review process to determine whether the proposed project should be approved as proposed, if additional studies are required, or if the project should be deferred.

The RCDTC proposes to restore a privately owned, permitted 4.2-acre agricultural pond on Stinking Creek that was impacted by the 2021 McFarland Fire. The pond is a man-made, in-line reservoir located off Vestal Road, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff in Tehama County (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W). The fire resulted in extensive vegetation loss and accelerated erosion within the upper Stinking Creek watershed, leading to significant sediment deposition in the pond and the loss of approximately 75 percent of its original water storage capacity.

The proposed project will remove accumulated sediment from the pond and dispose of the material in an on-site state drainage. Upon completion, aquatic and riparian habitats will be restored, and all disturbed areas will be stabilized. Construction activities are expected to occur over a 4- to 5-week period during the dry season, when pond inflows have ceased and downstream connectivity is absent.

The project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The 30-day comment period on the IS/MND commences at 5 p.m. on January 15, 2026 and will end on February 15, 2026. Comments must be in writing and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 15, 2026. Comments may be sent to Lori Macdonald, Project Manager, 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080 or via email to lmacdonald@tehamacountyr cd.org.

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review online at <http://www.tehamacountyr cd.org/notices>. A printed copy is available to view during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the RCDTC Office, 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff.

PROPOSED MITITGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project: Adams Pond Restoration Project

Lead Agency: Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period shall begin at 5:00 pm on January 15, 2026. Written comments must be submitted to the Lead Agency no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 15, 2026.

Availability of Documents: The Draft Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review at:

<http://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/notices>

A printed copy is available to view during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County office located at 202 Walnut Street in Red Bluff.

Questions or comments regarding this Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study may be addressed to:

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Project Location:

The 29.4 acre project is located on private property off Vestal Road in western Tehama County, California, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff, on Stinking Creek, a tributary to Salt Creek, within the Cottonwood Creek watershed (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W).

Stinking Creek generally runs west to east through the Project Limits. The Project occurs on private land at an elevation of approximately 1,000–1,200 feet above sea level.

The Project lies within the United States Geological Survey 7.5-minute Cold Fork quadrangle map (Section 36, Township T28N, Range R8W, Mount Diablo Meridian) at approximately:

NW corner: 40.231056°N, -122.718891°W

NE corner: 40.232760°N, -122.713078°W

SW corner: 40.228602°N, -122.717732°W

SE corner: 40.229891°N, -122.712683°W

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Project Description: The RCDTC proposes to restore a privately owned, permitted 4.2-acre agricultural pond on Stinking Creek that was impacted by the 2021 McFarland Fire. The project occurs on private land at an elevation of approximately 1,000–1,200 feet above sea level. The fire resulted in extensive vegetation loss and accelerated erosion within the upper Stinking Creek watershed, leading to significant sediment deposition in the pond and the loss of approximately 75 percent of its original water storage capacity. The proposed project will remove accumulated sediment from the pond and dispose of the material in an on-site state drainage. Upon completion, aquatic and riparian habitats will be restored, and all disturbed areas will be stabilized. Construction activities are expected to occur over a 4- to 5-week period during the dry season, when pond inflows have ceased and downstream connectivity is absent. This timing avoids impacts to downstream waters and aquatic resources while allowing work to occur in predominantly dry conditions. The Project will restore the pond's hydrologic and storage capacity, improve water quality by reducing the delivery of sediment to downstream watersheds, and enhance habitat for wildlife including the Northwestern Pond Turtle. In addition, the Project will improve long-term watershed resilience to wildfire and drought while maintaining agricultural and fire protection water storage benefits.

The Project is further described in the Project Description section within the attached **Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**. Location maps and photos are included in the Initial Study including Figure 1 Adams Pond Restoration Project Location Map and Figure 2 Adams Pond Restoration Project. Schematics of proposed restoration project are found in the attached Adams Pond Restoration Project Plans.

Findings: An Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the Project's potential environmental effects. The IS determined that while potential significant impacts were identified in Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Hazards and Hazardous Materials, these impacts can be reduced to less than significant levels with the implementation of specific mitigation measures. Based on the Initial Study, the RCDTC has determined that the proposed Project will not have a significant impact on the environment as Mitigation Measures will be implemented to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. This conclusion is supported by the following findings:

1. The proposed Project would have no impact on:

- a. Aesthetics
- b. Agricultural and Forest Resources
- c. Land Use and Planning
- d. Mineral Resources
- e. Population and Housing
- f. Recreation

2. The proposed Project would result in a less-than-significant impact on:

- a. Air Quality
- b. Cultural Resources
- c. Energy
- d. Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- e. Noise
- f. Public Services
- g. Transportation
- h. Tribal Cultural Resources
- i. Utilities/Service Systems
- j. Wildfire

3. Mitigation Measures have been adopted by the RCDTC to reduce potentially significant impacts to less-than-significant levels on:

- a. Biological Resources
- c. Geology and Soils
- d. Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- e. Hydrology and Water Quality

STATEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT

In accordance with Section 21082.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act, RCD of Tehama County staff have independently reviewed and analyzed the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared for the **Adams Pond Restoration Project** and find that the Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration reflect the independent judgment of RCDTC staff.

The RCDTC has reviewed potential environmental effects related to implementation of the **Adams Pond Restoration Project**. Incorporated into this Mitigated Negative Declaration is an Initial Study in which potential impacts of the proposed Project are discussed. The Initial Study identified ten resource areas that could be potentially affected by the proposed Project. Those resources determined to have less than significant impacts include **Air Quality, Cultural Resources, Energy, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Noise, Public**

Services, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, Utilities/Service Systems, and Wildfire. Those resources in which potential Project related impacts could be significant and thus require the implementation of Mitigation Measures include **Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials,** and **Hydrology and Water Quality.** A number of special-status animals were identified within or adjacent to the Project Limits. Although the proposed Project will benefit these species and the natural environment overall, adverse impacts from proposed Project implementation are possible. Various environmental commitments and formally established Mitigation Measures have been developed and described in the Initial Study to avoid or minimize impacts to such species that can typically occur during project implementation.

The RCDTC finds these environmental protection measures adequate to reduce potential impacts that could occur during proposed Project implementation to less than significant levels. Consequently, the RCDTC has determined that the **Adams Pond Restoration Project** as developed, implemented, and mitigated, would not have a significant impact on the environment.

Jon Barrett, District Manager
Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

Date

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this Project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

☐ Aesthetics	☐ Agriculture Resources	☐ Air Quality
☐ Biological Resources	☐ Cultural Resources	☐ Energy
☐ Geology/Soils	☐ Greenhouse Gas Emissions	☐ Hazards & Hazardous Materials
☐ Hydrology/Water Quality	☐ Land Use/Planning	☐ Mineral Resources
☐ Noise	☐ Population/Housing	☐ Public Services
☐ Recreation	☐ Transportation	☐ Tribal Cultural Resources
☐ Utilities/Service Systems	☐ Wildfire	☐ Mandatory Findings of Significance

This project will not have a "Potential Significant Impact" on any of the environmental factors listed above; therefore, no boxes are checked.

The Project Site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

MITIGATION MEASURES

An array of Mitigation Measures has been developed and will be implemented by the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County, any contractors, and their subcontractors along with responsible agencies, in order to avoid or minimize potential environmental impacts during the execution of the **Adams Pond Restoration Project** work. These are shown in **Appendix A: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan** and **Appendix D: Erosion Control / Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan**, along with the entity responsible for any required monitoring and reporting. Through the implementation of these Mitigation Measures, along with the Best Management Practices listed in **Appendix B: Best Management Practices, Appendix C: Best Management Practices Plan Sheets, Appendix E: Water Management Plan** and the **Appendix N: Project Plans**, the potential for environmental impacts related to this Project will be reduced to a less-than-significant level.

LEAD AGENCY DETERMINATIONS/STATEMENT OF NO SIGNIFICANT EFFECT

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) has determined that the **Adams Pond Restoration Project** (proposed Project) would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. This conclusion is based upon the Project design as well as the Mitigation Measures, Best Management Practices and environmental commitments that would be incorporated into the proposed Project. RCDTC has identified the possibility of

potential environmental impacts related to Project implementation that could be significant without the implementation of Mitigation Measures. These include Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality. The proposed Project, its potential impact on the Project Area, and the protection measures to be taken during Project implementation that avoid, reduce, or mitigate environmental impacts are described in this Initial Study. The evidence supporting this determination is drawn from information developed by RCDTC staff, Nevada Environmental Consulting, LLC, and Mountain G Enterprises Inc.

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- ☐ I find that the proposed Project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☒ I find that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the Project have been made by or agreed to by the Project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed Project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed Project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by Mitigation Measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

Signature

Date

Print Name and Title

Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Executive Summary

The Adams Pond Restoration Project is a post-fire watershed restoration effort located on private land in western Tehama County, California. The Project addresses substantial sedimentation caused by the 2021 McFarland Fire, which resulted in extensive vegetation loss and accelerated erosion in the upper Stinking Creek watershed. As a result, approximately 75 percent of Adams Pond's original water storage capacity has been lost due to sediment deposition.

The proposed Project will remove accumulated sediment from Adams Pond, restore aquatic and riparian habitat, stabilize disturbed upland areas, and re-establish native vegetation. Construction activities will occur during a 4–5 week dry-season window (August 1 through October 1), when inflows to the pond have ceased and downstream connectivity is absent. This timing avoids impacts to downstream waters and aquatic resources while allowing work to occur in predominantly dry conditions.

The Project will restore the pond's hydrologic and storage capacity, improve water quality, enhance habitat for wildlife including the Northwestern Pond Turtle, and reduce anticipated future sediment delivery to downstream watersheds. In addition, the Project will improve long-term watershed resilience to wildfire and drought while maintaining agricultural and fire protection water storage benefits. The Project is funded through a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service Region 5, State and Private Forestry Program, administered to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Grant Awardee) and passed through to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Grant - Sub awardee) in 2022 for Storm Damage Post Fire Disaster Recovery.

The project is in direct response to Executive Order N-13-21, where Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Tehama County due to the McFarland and Dixie Fires and ordered that State statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements were hereby suspended to the extent they would prevent, hinder, or delay the following activities:

“Necessary restoration and rehabilitation of timberland, streams, rivers, and other waterways. Such statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements are hereby suspended only to the extent necessary for expediting the removal and cleanup of debris from the fires, and for implementing any restoration plan. Individuals who desire to conduct activities under this suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements shall first request that the appropriate Agency Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension.”

An Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the Project's potential environmental effects. The analysis determined that the Project would result in no impacts or less-than-significant impacts in most resource areas. Potentially adverse effects related to Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality,

and Hazards and Hazardous Materials would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through implementation of identified mitigation measures and best management practices.

With incorporation of mitigation measures, regulatory permit conditions, and construction best management practices, the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate.

Public Benefit Summary

The Project restores a fire-damaged pond and associated aquatic habitat, reduces the potential for future downstream sedimentation, and enhances water storage for agriculture and fire protection, without causing significant environmental impacts.

Project Site

The Project Site is located on private ranchland in Tehama County, California, off Vestal Road, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W), within the 2022 Cold Fork, CA 7.5-minute series, 1:24,000 scale, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangle (Figure 1). Elevations within the Project Limits range from approximately 1,000 feet above mean sea level at the pond to 1,200 feet at the highest point south of the pond.

The Project encompasses 29.4 acres (1,281,084 square feet) and includes the limits of excavation, fill areas, staging areas, potential haul road alignments, an ephemeral stream crossing, and a buffer zone around these features (Figure 2). The Project Limits also include a portion of the existing access road from Staging Area 1 to Staging Area 2 and a buffer from the access roads outer edge.

Directions to the Site

Access to the Project Site is with permission only. Access to the property is via State Route (SR) 36. From SR 36, turn south onto Vestal Road, a dirt road. Drive south on Vestal Road for approximately 4.32 miles and turn right onto the Site access road and past the locked gate. Follow the Site access road for 2.1 miles to the property access drive and 2nd locked gate. Once past the second gate, travel approximately 650 feet to Staging Area 1 and the existing barn. Vestal Road crosses Salt Creek three times, along with other intermittent watercourses, on its way to the Site. These crossings are existing, at-grade crossings and will remain unchanged during construction. The Project will not alter the current use of the road. The road is currently used for agricultural purposes, residential access and the transport of cattle.

Existing Conditions

Adams Pond is a privately owned, licensed agricultural pond that provides seasonal water storage for agricultural and fire suppression use and habitat for aquatic and riparian species. Adam's Pond is a main channel in-line reservoir on Stinking Creek that discharges seasonally through a concrete spillway. The pond is fed by seasonal inflows from Stinking Creek and ephemeral inflows from the direct contribution area. During a typical dry season, inflows cease in mid to late July and the pond level drops below its spillway elevation preventing downstream discharge until winter storms renew inflows from the upper watershed.

Stinking Creek is a Class I tributary to Salt Creek, which flows into Dry Creek, then to South Fork Cottonwood Creek, and then to Cottonwood Creek, and ultimately to the Sacramento River located approximately 29 miles to the northeast of the Project Area. Stinking Creek within the Project Limits flows generally west to east. Within the Project Limits, several state and federally regulated ephemeral streams, and one state regulated drainage discharges to Stinking Creek.

The property owner has the right to use the waters of Stinking Creek for the purpose of Domestic, Stockwatering, Recreational, Wildlife Enhancement, and Fire Protection use under Permit 20469 of the State Water Resource Control Board (WRCB) which became effective on September 15, 1987. Permit 20469 is currently valid and in good standing. The amount of water to which this right is entitled shall not exceed forty-two (42) acre-feet per annum collected from October 1 of each year to May 31 of the succeeding year. The maximum amount of water collected for storage under License 12331 must not exceed 45 acre-feet per year and the capacity of the reservoir must not exceed 45 acre-feet.

The area exhibits a natural and visually secluded character, typical of the foothill region of the Coast Ranges. There are no nearby residences or recreation. Access to the pond is via private ranch roads and gated property.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has mapped the primary soil units within the Project Limits as Lodo and Maymen Shaly Loams with 30 to 65 percent slopes, and Rockland (NRCS WebSoils). These soil types are typically found on steep gradients and are prone to erosion and sediment transport. The surrounding soils that contribute direct runoff to the pond are eroded into steep ravines with narrow, low sinuosity steep gradient channels of fragmented shale (serpentine) and clays. Deposits from numerous inflow events have filled the pond. The sediment profile within the pond varies in grain size generally less than ½" diameter with the grain size generally larger to the west and finer to the east.

Prior to the **2021 McFarland Fire**, Adams Pond featured open water surrounded by riparian vegetation, willows, and cattails with foothill pine and blue oak in the upland. Post-fire erosion and sedimentation have filled approximately 75% of the pond basin, leaving large expanses of bare sediment and disturbed soils (Figures 3 and Figure 4 and Photos). Willows have started to colonize the dry portions of the pond basin. Blue Oak / Foothill Pine habitat that was lost during the fire has been replaced with Annual Grassland with charred snags of various diameters and heights and downed large wood. The original cabin located south of the pond was also lost to the fire and only concrete components remain. North of the pond, on an upper terrace, there is a barn and staged construction equipment. An existing dirt access road and drive connect the barn area to the original cabin location. Dirt access roads and paths are located past the original cabin location.

Purpose and Need

The 2021 McFarland Fire destabilized soil in the upper Stinking Creek watershed resulting in significant post-fire sedimentation, which reduced the water carrying capacity of Adams Pond and impaired its ecological functions. The pond supports a population of Northwestern Pond Turtle, a State species of special concern and a proposed federal threatened species under the Endangered

Species Act. This sedimentation event resulted in a 75% reduction of the pond's original volume, reducing the ponds' surface areas from its original 4.2 acres to approximately one acre and significantly impacting water storage capacity, aquatic habitat volume, and seasonal water quality. It is anticipated that over time more of Adams Pond's storage capacity will be lost due to sedimentation which will further reduce NWPT habitat and eventually result in the transport of sediment past the concrete spillway to downstream streams and reservoirs.

Project Objectives

- Restore the storage capacity of Adams Pond to pre-fire conditions.
- Re-establish aquatic and riparian habitats lost to post-fire sedimentation.

Proposed Activity

The Adams Pond Restoration Project will remove sediment that accumulated in Adams Pond following the 2021 McFarland Fire.

The Project will:

- Excavate approximately **80,000 cubic yards (CY)** of sediment from Adams Pond;
- Restore approximately **3.2 acres (ac.)** of aquatic and riparian habitat regulated as Waters of the State of California (WOTS) and Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS);
- Restore approximately **3,500 linear feet (LF)** of pond bank; and,
- Enhance long-term water storage capacity, aquatic habitat function, and drought resilience.

The Project will also contribute to regional watershed restoration and recovery and enhance water quality. The Project aligns with state policy under the California Water Code (Section 13100 et seq.) and the Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. (CEQA).

The Project will directly impact approximately 6.61 acres and includes the limits of sediment removal, the staging areas, a temporary haul road, a proposed temporary culvert, and the existing access road (Figure 2 & Figure 5).

Project Impact Area in Acres

Sediment Removal Limits	3.2
Limits of Sediment Disposal	1.95
Proposed Temporary Culvert	0.014
Haul Road (Approx.)	0.42
Existing Roads	0.47
Staging Area 1	0.32
Staging Area 2	0.24
	6.61

Given the steep slopes and remote location, material excavated from the pond will be disposed of in a state drainage regulated under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of California, resulting in 0.025 ac. (360 LF) (26.5 CY) of permanent impacts to WOTS.

Excavated sediment will be transported to the disposal site, approximately 2,000 feet south of the pond rather than being trucked off site. A proposed haul road, approximately 12 feet wide, will be constructed from the pond to the sediment disposal site. The haul road will cross an ephemeral stream regulated as WOTUS and WOTS resulting in approximately 0.003 ac. (20 LF) of temporary impacts to the stream channel and bank. The temporary crossing will be constructed using high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe covered with stone. The alignment of the haul road will be adjusted in the field as needed.

Additional activities include clearing previously altered upland areas for staging. Construction staging will occur at two locations: Staging Area 1 (the barn site) located north of the pond, at the site entrance, and Staging Area 2 (the cabin site) located south of the pond. Both areas were originally developed as part of the property's infrastructure.

After work is complete, the temporary culvert crossing will be removed and the stream will be restored to pre-construction conditions. Within the disposal area, a new drainage channel will be re-established in the same general horizontal alignment as the original drainage but at a higher elevation on top of the fill. The disposal area will be seeded and revegetated, and wattles and erosion control blankets will be installed to further stabilize the area. The pond banks will be reestablished, stabilized and revegetated with native seed and pole cuttings. All disturbed upland soils within the Project Limits will be stabilized and planted and/or seeded with native vegetation. In addition, 1:1 mitigation credit will be purchased from a state approved mitigation bank to mitigate for the 0.025 acres of permanent impacts to WOTS.

The proposed project will result in over 1.0 acre of earth disturbance and will require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) and an associated Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Construction will take 4-5 weeks and will occur during the late summer dry season when inflows have ceased, and the pond water level is below the overflow. This will allow excavation of dry sediment without disturbing wetland resources. Water levels will be carefully controlled during construction to optimize excavation efficiency and geotechnical stability. Sediment removal from dry areas will occur first prior to manually altering the water levels. The total project duration is estimated at 60 days, with final grading followed by revegetation using native seeds and pole cuttings. The sediment removal activities may occur over the course of 2-3 seasons depending on the availability of funds.

Lead Agency Determination

The Tehama County Resource Conservation District (RCDTC), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of identified mitigation measures. Accordingly, an Initial Study (IS) / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15070–15075.

Mitigation Summary

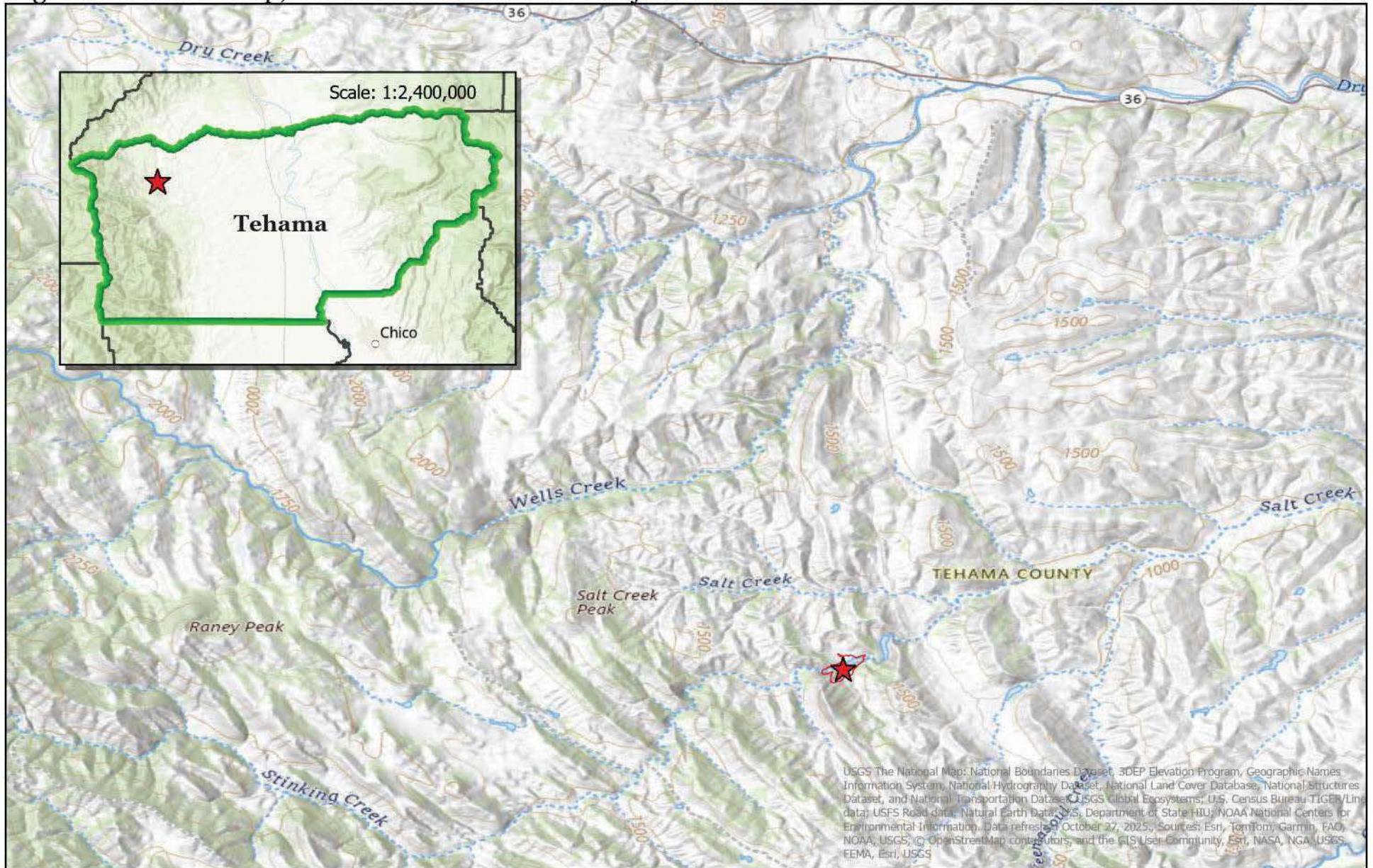
Mitigation measures are incorporated to reduce all potential short-term construction impacts to **less-than-significant levels**. These include, but are not limited to:

- **Biological Resources:** Pre-construction surveys and education, dry-season work window, construction monitoring, installation of erosion controls and turtle exclusion fencing, habitat restoration, and revegetation monitoring.
- **Geology and Soils:** Erosion control, stormwater BMPs, soil compaction, revegetation, upland stabilization, and post construction monitoring.
- **Hazards and Hazardous Materials:** Spill prevention, fuel containment, and CAL FIRE coordination.
- **Hydrology and Water Quality:** Spill prevention and fuel containment, erosion control, soil compaction, revegetation, upland stabilization and post construction monitoring.

All mitigation measures are detailed in the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP)** (Appendix A) and on the Erosion Control/Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan (Appendix D). Best Management Practices (BMPs) are listed in Appendix B and the BMP Plans and are in Appendix C. The Water Management Plan is in Appendix E. The Post Construction Restoration Plan and Monitoring Plan are in Appendix F and G respectively. The project plan-set is in Appendix N. All project Figures and Photos are at the end of the document, before the start of the Appendices.

Figure 1: Location Map, Adams Pond Restoration Project

From USGS Quadrangle 24k/7.5 min. 40122-B6 "Cold Fork"



0 0.75 1.5 3 Miles

Scale: 1:72,000

★ Study Area (29.4 Acres / 1,281,084 Sq. Ft.)

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Notice is hereby given that the public is invited to review and comment on the Initial Study (IS) and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND), pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed Adams Pond Restoration Project (project). The proposed MND does not signify approval or disapproval of this project. The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) will consider the proposed MND together with any comments received during the public review process to determine whether the proposed project should be approved as proposed, if additional studies are required, or if the project should be deferred.

RCDTC proposes to restore a privately owned, permitted 4.2-acre agricultural pond on Stinking Creek that was impacted by the 2021 McFarland Fire. The pond is a man-made, in-line reservoir located approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff in Tehama County (40.230943°N, 122.715017°W). The fire resulted in extensive vegetation loss and accelerated erosion within the upper Stinking Creek watershed, leading to significant sediment deposition in the pond and the loss of approximately 75 percent of its original water storage capacity.

The proposed project will remove accumulated sediment from the pond and dispose of the material in an on-site state drainage. Upon completion, aquatic and riparian habitats will be restored, and all disturbed areas will be stabilized. Construction activities are expected to occur over a 4- to 5-week period during the dry season, when pond inflows have ceased and downstream connectivity is absent.

The project site is not on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

The 30-day comment period on the IS/MND commences at 5 p.m. on January 15, 2026 and will end on February 15, 2026. Comments must be in writing and will be accepted until 5 p.m. on February 15, 2026. Comments may be sent to Lori MacDonald, Project Manager, 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080 or via email to lmacdonald@tehemaco.org or www.tehamacountyrcd.org/.

The Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review online at <http://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/>.

Notices. A printed copy is available to view during business hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) at the RCDTC Office, 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff. 1-15/26



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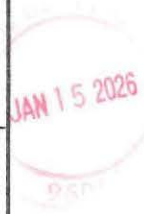
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Re: **Submission of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Adams Pond Restoration Project**

Greetings

As CEQA Lead Agency, the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County is pleased to submit an electronic version of the Initial Study and related appendices prepared for our **Adams Pond Restoration Project**.

Also included are the RCD of Tehama County's **Mitigated Negative Declaration, Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal** and **Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal**.

Your review and distribution of these items to responsible review agencies would be most appreciated.

Please contact me at 530-727-1280, if you have questions or need clarification. I can also be reached via email at jbarrett@tehamacountyrcd.org.

Thank You

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon Barrett".

Jon Barrett
District Manager
Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

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SCH #

Project Title: Adams Pond Restoration Project

Lead Agency: Resource Conservation District of Tehama County

Contact Person: Lori Macdonald, Project Manager

Mailing Address: 202 Walnut Street

Phone: 530-727-1280

City: Red Bluff

Zip: 96080

County: Tehama

Project Location: County: Tehama

City/Nearest Community: Rancho Tehama

Cross Streets: State Route 36W/Vestal Road

Zip Code: 96080

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 40 ° 13 ' 51.39 " N / -122 ° 42 ' 54.06 " W Total Acres: 29.4

Assessor's Parcel No.: 001-260-046-000

Section: 36

Twp.: T28N

Range: R8W

Base: MDM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 36E

Waterways: Stinking Creek

Airports: N/A

Railways: N/A

Schools: N/A

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Present Land Use: Rangeland/Recreation / Zoning: AG-1 - Agricultural / General Plan Designation: Upland Agricultural (UA)

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

See Attached Project Description for Adams Pond Restoration Project

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

Starting Date 1/15/2026 at 5 p.m. Ending Date 2/15/2026 at 5 p.m.

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>N/A</u>	Applicant: <u>Resource Conservation District of Tehama County</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>202 Walnut Street, PO Box 1232</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Red Bluff, CA 96080</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>530-727-1280</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ Date: _____

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

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There are no controversy known to the RCDTC.

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Adams Pond Restoration Project

Summary

SCH Number

2026010583

Lead Agency

Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCD-TC)

Document Title

Adams Pond Restoration Project

Document Type

MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration

Received

1/20/2026

Present Land Use

Rangeland/Recreation / Zoning: AG-1-Agricultural / General Plan Designation: Upland Agricultural (UA)

Document Description**Executive Summary**

The Adams Pond Restoration Project is a post-fire watershed restoration effort located on private land in western Tehama County, California. The Project addresses substantial sedimentation caused by the 2021 McFarland Fire, which resulted in extensive vegetation loss and accelerated erosion in the upper Stinking Creek watershed. As a result, approximately 75 percent of Adams Pond's original water storage capacity has been lost due to sediment deposition.

The proposed Project will remove accumulated sediment from Adams Pond, restore aquatic and riparian habitat, stabilize disturbed upland areas, and re-establish native vegetation. Construction activities will occur during a 4–5 week dry-season window (August 1 through October 1), when inflows to the pond have ceased and downstream connectivity is absent. This timing avoids impacts to downstream waters and aquatic resources while allowing work to occur in predominantly dry conditions.

The Project will restore the pond's hydrologic and storage capacity, improve water quality, enhance habitat for wildlife including the Northwestern Pond Turtle, and reduce anticipated future sediment delivery to downstream watersheds. In addition, the Project will improve long-term watershed resilience to wildfire and drought while maintaining agricultural and fire protection water storage benefits. The Project is funded through a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service Region 5, State and Private Forestry Program, administered to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Grant Awardee) and passed through to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Grant - Sub awardee) in 2022 for Storm Damage Post Fire Disaster Recovery.

The project is in direct response to Executive Order N-13-21, where Governor Gavin Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency to exist in Tehama County due to the McFarland and Dixie Fires and ordered that State statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements were hereby suspended to the extent they would prevent, hinder, or delay the following activities:

“Necessary restoration and rehabilitation of timberland, streams, rivers, and other waterways. Such statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements are hereby suspended only to the extent necessary for expediting the removal and cleanup of debris from the fires, and for implementing any restoration plan. Individuals who desire to conduct activities under this suspension of statutes, rules, regulations, and requirements shall first request that the appropriate Agency Secretary, or the Secretary's designee, make a determination that the proposed activities are eligible to be conducted under this suspension.”

An Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to evaluate the Project's potential environmental effects. The analysis determined that the Project would result in no impacts or less-than-significant impacts in most resource areas. Potentially adverse effects related to Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Hazardous Materials would be reduced to less-than-significant levels through implementation of identified mitigation measures and best management practices.

With incorporation of mitigation measures, regulatory permit conditions, and construction best management practices, the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is appropriate.

Public Benefit Summary

The Project restores a fire-damaged pond and associated aquatic habitat, reduces the potential for future downstream sedimentation, and enhances water storage for agriculture and fire protection, without causing significant environmental impacts.

Project Site

The Project Site is located on private ranchland in Tehama County, California, off Vestal Road, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W), within the 2022 Cold Fork, CA 7.5-minute series, 1:24,000 scale, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Quadrangle (Figure 1). Elevations within the Project Limits range from approximately 1,000 feet above mean sea level at the pond to 1,200 feet at the highest point south of the pond.

The Project encompasses 29.4 acres (1,281,084 square feet) and includes the limits of excavation, fill areas, staging areas, potential haul road alignments, an ephemeral stream crossing, and a buffer zone around these features (Figure 2). The Project Limits also include a portion of the existing access road from Staging Area 1 to Staging Area 2 and a buffer from the access roads outer edge.

Directions to the Site

Access to the Project Site is with permission only. Access to the property is via State Route (SR) 36. From SR 36, turn south onto Vestal Road, a dirt road. Drive south on Vestal Road for approximately 4.32 miles and turn right onto the Site access road and past the locked gate. Follow the Site access road for 2.1 miles to the property access drive and 2nd locked gate. Once past the second gate, travel approximately 650 feet to Staging Area 1 and the existing barn. Vestal Road crosses Salt Creek three times, along with other intermittent watercourses, on its way to the Site. These crossings are existing, at-grade crossings and will remain unchanged during construction. The Project will not alter the current use of the road. The road is currently used for agricultural purposes, residential access and the transport of cattle.

Existing Conditions

Adams Pond is a privately owned, licensed agricultural pond that provides seasonal water storage for agricultural and fire suppression use and habitat for aquatic and riparian species. Adam's Pond is a main channel in-line reservoir on Stinking Creek that discharges seasonally through a concrete spillway. The pond is fed by seasonal inflows from Stinking Creek and ephemeral inflows from the direct contribution area. During a typical dry season, inflows cease in mid to late July and the pond level drops below its spillway elevation preventing downstream discharge until winter storms renew inflows from the upper watershed.

Stinking Creek is a Class I tributary to Salt Creek, which flows into Dry Creek, then to South Fork Cottonwood Creek, and then to Cottonwood Creek, and ultimately to the Sacramento River located approximately 29 miles to the northeast of the Project Area. Stinking Creek within the Project Limits flows generally west to east. Within the Project Limits, several state and federally regulated ephemeral streams, and one state regulated drainage discharges to Stinking Creek.

The property owner has the right to use the waters of Stinking Creek for the purpose of Domestic, Stock watering, Recreational, Wildlife Enhancement, and Fire Protection under Permit 20469 of the State Water Resource Control Board (WRCB) which became effective on September 15, 1987. Permit 20469 is currently valid and in good standing. The amount of water to which this right is entitled shall not exceed forty-two (42) acre-feet per annum collected from October 1 of each year to May 31 of the succeeding year. The maximum amount of water collected for storage under License 12331 must not exceed 45 acre-feet per year and the capacity of the reservoir must not exceed 45 acre-feet.

The area exhibits a natural and visually secluded character, typical of the foothill region of the Coast Ranges. There are no nearby residences or recreation. Access to the pond is via private ranch roads and gated property.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has mapped the primary soil units within the Project Limits as Lodo and Maymen Shaly Loams with 30 to 65 percent slopes, and Rockland (NRCS WebSoils). These soil types are typically found on steep gradients and are prone to erosion and sediment transport. The surrounding soils that contribute direct runoff to the pond are eroded into steep ravines with narrow, low sinuosity steep gradient channels of fragmented shale (serpentine) and clays. Deposits from numerous inflow events have filled the pond. The sediment profile within the pond varies in grain size generally less than ½" diameter with the grain size generally larger to the west and finer to the east.

Prior to the 2021 McFarland Fire, Adams Pond featured open water surrounded by riparian vegetation, willows, and cattails with foothill pine and blue oak in the upland. Post-fire erosion and sedimentation have filled approximately 75% of the pond basin, leaving large expanses of bare sediment and disturbed soils (Figures 3 and Figure 4 and Photos). Willows have started to colonize the dry portions of the pond basin. Blue Oak / Foothill Pine habitat that was lost during the fire has been replaced with Annual Grassland with charred snags of various diameters and heights and downed large wood. The original cabin located south of the pond was also lost to the fire and only concrete components remain. North of the pond, on an upper terrace, there is a barn and staged construction equipment. An existing dirt access road and drive connect the barn area to the original cabin location. Dirt access roads and paths are located past the original cabin location.

Purpose and Need

The 2021 McFarland Fire destabilized soil in the upper Stinking Creek watershed resulting in significant post-fire sedimentation, which reduced the water carrying capacity of Adams Pond and impaired its ecological functions. The pond supports a population of Northwestern Pond Turtle, a state species of special concern and a proposed federal threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. This sedimentation event resulted in a 75% reduction of the pond's original volume, reducing the ponds' surface areas from its original 4.2 acres to approximately one acre and significantly impacting water storage capacity, aquatic habitat vol-

ume, and seasonal water quality. It is anticipated that over time more of Adams Pond's storage capacity will be lost due to sedimentation which will further reduce NWPT habitat and eventually result in the transport of sediment past the concrete spillway to downstream streams and reservoirs.

Project Objectives

- Restore the storage capacity of Adams Pond to pre-fire conditions.
- Re-establish aquatic and riparian habitats lost to post-fire sedimentation.

Proposed Activity

The Adams Pond Restoration Project will remove sediment that accumulated in Adams Pond following the 2021 McFarland Fire.

The Project will:

- Excavate approximately 80,000 cubic yards (CY) of sediment from Adams Pond;
- Restore approximately 3.2 acres (ac.) of aquatic and riparian habitat regulated as Waters of the State of California (WOTS) and Waters of the U.S. (WOTUS);
- Restore approximately 3,500 linear feet (LF) of pond bank; and,
- Enhance long-term water storage capacity, aquatic habitat function, and drought resilience.

The Project will also contribute to regional watershed restoration and recovery and enhance water quality. The Project aligns with state policy under the California Water Code (Section 13100 et seq.) and the Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. (CEQA).

The Project will directly impact approximately 6.64 acres and includes the limits of sediment removal, the staging areas, a temporary haul road, a proposed temporary culvert, and the existing access road (Figure 2 & Figure 5).

Project Impact Area in Acres

Sediment Removal Limits	3.2
Limits of Sediment Disposal	1.95
Proposed Temporary Culvert	0.014
Haul Road (Approx.)	0.45
Existing Roads	0.47
Staging Area 1	0.32
Staging Area 2	0.24
	6.64

Given the steep slopes and remote location, material excavated from the pond will be disposed of in a state drainage regulated under the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of California, resulting in 0.025 ac. (360 LF) (26.5 CY) of permanent impacts to WOTS.

Excavated sediment will be transported to the disposal site, approximately 2,000 feet south of the pond rather than being trucked off site. A proposed haul road, approximately 12 feet wide, will be constructed from the pond to the sediment disposal site. The haul road will cross an ephemeral stream regulated as WOTUS and WOTS resulting in approximately 0.003 ac. (20 LF) of temporary impacts to the stream channel and bank. The temporary crossing will be constructed using high-density polyethylene (HDPE) pipe covered with stone. The alignment of the haul road will be adjusted in the field as needed.

Additional activities include clearing previously altered upland areas for staging. Construction staging will occur at two locations: Staging Area 1 (the barn site) located north of the pond, at the site entrance, and Staging Area 2 (the cabin site) located south of the pond. Both areas were originally developed as part of the property's infrastructure.

After work is complete, the temporary culvert crossing will be removed, and the stream will be restored to pre-construction conditions. Within the disposal area, a new drainage channel will be re-established in the same general horizontal alignment as the original drainage but at a higher elevation on top of the fill. The disposal area will be seeded and revegetated, and wattles and erosion control blankets will be installed to further stabilize the area. The pond banks will be reestablished, stabilized and revegetated with native seed and pole cuttings. All disturbed upland soils within the Project Limits will be stabilized and planted and/or seeded with native vegetation. In addition, 1:1 mitigation credit will be purchased from a state approved mitigation bank to mitigate for the 0.025 acres of permanent impacts to WOTS.

The proposed project will result in over 1.0 acres of earth disturbance and will require a National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP) and an associated Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

Construction will take 4-5 weeks and will occur during the late summer dry season when inflows have ceased, and the pond water level is below the overflow. This will allow excavation of dry sediment without disturbing wetland resources. Water levels will be carefully controlled during construction to optimize excavation efficiency and geotechnical stability. Sediment removal from dry areas will occur first prior to manually altering the water levels. The total project duration is estimated at 60 days, with final grading followed by revegetation using native seeds and pole cuttings. The sediment removal activities may occur over the course of 2-3 seasons depending on the availability of funds.

Lead Agency Determination

The Tehama County Resource Conservation District (RCDTC), as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with implementation of identified mitigation measures. Accordingly, an Initial Study (IS) / Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) has been prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §§15070–15075.

Mitigation Summary

Mitigation measures are incorporated to reduce all potential short-term construction impacts to less-than-significant levels. These include, but are not limited to:

- Biological Resources: Pre-construction surveys and education, dry season work window, construction monitoring, installation of erosion controls and turtle exclusion fencing, habitat restoration, and revegetation monitoring.
- Geology and Soils: Erosion control, stormwater BMPs, soil compaction, revegetation, upland stabilization, and post construction monitoring.
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials: Spill prevention, fuel containment, and CAL FIRE coordination.
- Hydrology and Water Quality: Spill prevention and fuel containment, erosion control, soil compaction, revegetation, upland stabilization and post construction monitoring.

All mitigation measures are detailed in the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) (Appendix A) and on the Erosion Control/Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan (Appendix D). Best Management Practices (BMPs) are listed in Appendix B and the BMP Plans and are in Appendix C. The Water Management Plan is in Appendix E. The Post Construction Restoration Plan and Monitoring Plan are in Appendix F and G respectively. The project plan-set is in Appendix N. All project Figures and Photos are at the end of the document, before the start of the Appendices.

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Location

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Cities

Rancho Tehama

Counties

Tehama

Regions

Citywide, Northern California

Cross Streets

SR 36 and Vestal Road

Zip

96080

Total Acres

29.4

Jobs

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Parcel #

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State Highways

SR 36

Waterways

Stinking Creek

Township

T28N

Range

R8W

Section

36

Base

MDM

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2/18/2026

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State Reviewing Agency Comments

California Department of Water Resources (DWR)

Development Types

Other (Rangeland / Undeveloped)

Local Actions

N/A

Project Issues

Agriculture and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology/Soils, Hazards & Hazardous Materials, Hydrology/Water Quality, Noise, Tribal Cultural Resources, Vegetation, Wetland/Riparian, Wildfire

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Public Review Period End

2/15/2026

Attachments

Draft Environmental Document [Draft IS, NOI_NOA_Public notices, OPR Summary Form, Appx,]

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Appendix A - Mitigation Measures -Responsibilities PDF 2459 K

Appendix B - BMPs - 2026 01 13 PDF 608 K

Appendix C- BMP Plan Sheets 2025 09 08 PDF 2594 K

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Attachment C

Comments Received from January 15, 2026 through February 18, 2026
on the

Adams Pond Restoration Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative
Declaration, Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and
Associated Appendices

and
RCDTC Response to Comments

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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January 23, 2026

Lori MacDonald, Project Manager
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Adams Pond Restoration Project
SCH# 2026010583
Tehama County

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Adams Pond Restoration Project, submitted by the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County, which describes the rehabilitation of Adams Pond by removing approximately 80,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment, and restoring the site to its original capacity. Following the 2021 MacFarland Fire, approximately 75 percent of Adams Pond was filled in by excessive sediment runoff.

As defined in sections 6002 and 6003 of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

Based on the plans provided in the submitted Mitigated Negative Declaration, the proposed project does not meet the criteria described above and therefore will not be subject to State jurisdiction. If changes to the design of the project are made which alter the height of the dam or the reservoir's storage capacity, the dam may be subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. In the event the Project will result in a State jurisdictional structure, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fees must be filed with DSOD prior to proceeding with the Project.

If an application is required, all dam safety related issues must be satisfactorily addressed prior to our approval of the application, and all work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Our Design Engineering Branch Manager Ian Maki is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 820-7795.

Ms. MacDonald
January 23, 2026
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If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact Area Engineer Travis Chatters at (916) 565-7815 or me at (916) 565-7813.

Sincerely,



Russell C. Bowlus, P.E.
Northern Regional Engineer
Field Engineering Branch
Division of Safety of Dams

cc: Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
state.clearinghouse@lci.ca.gov



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RCDTC RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County acknowledges the receipt of the January 23, 2026 CA Department of Water Resources, Division of Safety of Dams', letter on the Adams Pond Restoration Project SCH# 2026010583, Tehama County



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Attachment D

Resolution Approving
the Adams Pond Restoration Project
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration Components, Mitigation
Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP), and Associated Appendices

**RESOLUTION OF THE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICT OF TEHAMA COUNTY
ADOPTING AN INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE ADAMS POND RESTORATION PROJECT
RESOLUTION #2026-02**

WHEREAS, the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) is established under Division 9 of the California Public Resources Code and by the rules of the Tehama County Local Agency Formation Committee as a locally governed agency with primary authority to implement local natural resource conservation measures; and

WHEREAS, the RCDTC has been granted funding through a federal grant from the USDA Forest Service Region 5, State and Private Forestry Program, administered to the California Association of Resource Conservation Districts (Grant Awardee) and passed through to the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (Grant - Sub awardee) in 2022 for Storm Damage Post Fire Disaster Recovery.

WHEREAS, the RCDTC wishes to implement the Adams Pond Restoration Project (here throughout referred to as the “Project”), to restore a licensed and permitted, private agricultural pond impacted by the 2021 McFarland Fire to pre-fire conditions. The project is located in western Tehama County, California, off Vestal Road, approximately 30 miles west of Red Bluff, on Stinking Creek, a tributary to Salt Creek, within the Cottonwood Creek watershed (40.230943°N, -122.715017°W). The project occurs on private land at an elevation of approximately 1,000-1,200 feet above sea level. The fire caused extensive vegetation loss in the upper Stinking Creek watershed, leading to increased soil erosion and significant sediment deposition within the pond, reducing the pond’s water-holding capacity by approximately 75% and impacting associated aquatic habitat. The proposed Project will remove 80,000 cubic yards of sediment from the pond, restore aquatic habitats, and stabilize surrounding uplands through revegetation. Once work is complete, the Project will reestablish aquatic habitat, support water retention for agricultural and fire suppression needs, and prevent future downstream sedimentation. Work will be completed during the dry season and will take approximately 60 working days. The sediment removal may occur during the dry season for more than one year depending on the availability of funds.

WHEREAS, the RCDTC considers this project to be a benefit to Tehama County while protecting natural resources; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held before the RCDTC on March 4, 2026;
And

WHEREAS, the RCDTC has considered the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration prepared by RCDTC staff; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration determined that the project would potentially significantly impact Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality without the implementation of Mitigation Measures; and

WHEREAS, the RCDTC has adopted Mitigation Measures to reduce potential project Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality impacts to less than significant, as described in the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for public review and comment per CEQA for a 30-day review period that ended on February 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was circulated for state review and comment per CEQA for a 30-day review period that ended on February 18, 2026; and

WHEREAS, said Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was referred to potentially affected property owners, various affected public and private agencies, County departments, native American tribes, and referral agencies for review and comments; and

WHEREAS, the Board of the RCDTC has solicited and considered public comments which included one comment from the California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams dated January 23, 2026, and a staff report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC):

I. Adopts a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA with the following findings:

- A. An Initial Study was completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Said study identified potentially significant environmental effects and included mitigation measures that would mitigate such effects below significant levels; a Mitigated Negative Declaration is proposed.
- B. The RCDTC has considered the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, together with comments received during the review process and public hearing.
- C. On the basis of the whole record before the Board of the RCDTC, including the Initial Study and any comments received, the RCDTC has determined the Project as developed, implemented, and mitigated, would not have a significant impact on the environment.
- D. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the RCDTC, which is the Lead Agency under CEQA.
- E. The Mitigated Negative Declaration includes Mitigation Measures **BIO-MM-GEN 1 to 3; BIO-MM-HERP-1 to 11; BIO-MM-NWPT-1 to 5; BIO-MM-FYLF-1; BIO-**

MM-TOAD-1 to 2; BIO-MM-BIRD-1; BIO-MM-NEST-1 to 4; BIO-MM-GOLD-1 to 2; BIO-MM-BALD-1; BIO-MM-BAT-1 to 6; BIO-MM-RING-1; BIO-MM-BADG-1; BIO-MM-PLANT-1 to 2; SOIL-MM 1 to 4; HAZ-MM 1 to 5 and WQ-MM 1 to 9 as detailed in Attachment A of this document.

- F. The RCDTC will serve as custodian of the record of this CEQA determination. The location of the record is 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, CA 96080.
- II. Finds that the collection of fees pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 711.4 and 14 CCR 753.5 is required, prior to filing a Notice of Determination for the Project. The Project will not be operative, nor may any local permits be issued for the Project, and the Project will be invalid (per Section 711.4 (c) (3)) until such fees are paid.
- III. In order to avoid, minimize, and/or reduce environmental impacts of the Project to a less than significant level, the RCDTC approves the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for this Project, as detailed in Attachment A of this document.
- IV. Adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project is subject to the following findings:
- A. The proposed use on the property where the Project is located will not impair the integrity and character of the community and watershed resources.
- B. The proposed Project would not be unreasonably incompatible with, or injurious to, surrounding properties, or detrimental to the health and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the area, or to the health, welfare and safety of the residents of the County, as supported by the following:
1. The RCDTC has circulated the proposed Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to County, responsible and Trustee agencies and has not received any responses that indicate that there is evidence that the Project, with fifty-eight (58) appropriate mitigation measures, would cause any significant environmental impacts.
 2. The environmental impacts of this Project appear to be minor in general. Assuming all mitigation measures are dutifully executed, impacts will be less than significant.
 3. Adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration for this Project does not preclude the possible need for permits and/or licenses from other, local, State, federal, and Responsible or Trustee agencies under CEQA.
- C. The Project does not require the removal of any rare, threatened, or protected species.

I hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of Resolution #2026-02, adopted on the motion of _____, seconded by _____, and duly passed at a regular public

meeting held by the Board of Directors at **x:xx** A.M. on March 4, 2026, at the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County, 202 Walnut Street, Red Bluff, California.

Roll Call was as follows:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: None

Submitted by,

Board President

Appendix A: Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) for the Adams Pond Restoration Project

Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Tehama County, California

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(d), when adopting a mitigated negative declaration, the lead agency will adopt a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan (MMRP) that ensures compliance with Mitigation Measures required for project approval. The Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC) is the lead agency for the Adams Pond Restoration Project and has approved this MMRP as a part of the final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) supporting the project. Monitoring activities will be completed by the Project Manager listed in this IS/MND. The MMRP lists the Mitigation Measures developed in the IS/MND which were designed to reduce environmental impacts to a less-than-significant level. This MMRP also identifies the party responsible for implementing the measure, defines when the Mitigation Measure must be implemented, and which party or public agency is responsible for ensuring compliance with the measure.

Potentially Significant Effects and Mitigation Measures

The following is a list of the resources that will be potentially affected by the project and the Mitigation Measures made part of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. Included are Biological Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Hydrology and Water Quality.

Biological Resources

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-GEN 1: Prior to ground-disturbing activities, all construction personnel shall attend a Worker Environmental Awareness Training conducted by the biologist. The training will include identification of species likely or known to occur within the Project Area including Northwestern pond turtle, Foothill yellow legged frog, Western spadefoot toad, Grasshopper sparrow, Golden eagle, Bald eagle, Yellow-breasted chat, Yellow warbler, Pallid bat, Western red bat, Ringtail, Mountain lion, and American badger, their habitat requirements, regulatory protections, and required impact avoidance measures. Handouts with photos of the special status species with Biologist and RCDTC contact information will be distributed to workers. Handouts must remain with the workers at all times.

Schedule: **PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-GEN-2 – The contractor shall stop work immediately and notify the on-site biologist and RCDTC if a live or dead Northwestern pond turtle, Foothill yellow legged frog, Western spadefoot toad, Grasshopper sparrow, Golden eagle, Bald eagle, Yellow-breasted chat, Yellow warbler, Pallid bat, Western red bat, Ringtail, Mountain lion, and American badger are found within the work limits. The contractor can resume work upon the direction of RCDTC. Only a permitted biologist may handle wildlife.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-GEN-3: The biologist shall document all pre-construction surveys and monitoring observations and shall prepare and submit a summary report to the RCDTC and CDFW upon completion of the project.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, PRIOR TO VEGETATION REMOVAL,
DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-1: The biologist shall survey the Project Limits for Northwestern pond turtle, Western spadefoot toad, and Foothill yellow-legged frog no more than 72 hours prior to the installation of Erosion Controls / Turtle Exclusion Fence.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC / BIOLOGIST

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-2: Per the Erosion Control / Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan (Figure 5), temporary exclusion fencing consisting of staked, buried silt fencing shall be installed by hand at Staging Areas 1 & 2; and, between aquatic habitats and the haul roads to prevent turtles from entering the work areas and to prevent the discharge of sediment to wetlands and waters. Stakes shall be no more than 10 feet apart and fencing shall be buried 6 inches. The silt fencing shall not be buried when it crosses the flow lines of drainages, streams, or channels. Staging Area 2 shall be totally enclosed with a silt fence gate at the entrance and exit. The Staging Area 2 entrance and exit shall be closed at the end of each workday.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-3: Worker and visitor vehicles shall be parked at the northern Staging Area (Staging Area 1). Works and visitors are not allowed to drive their vehicles onto the site, past the driveway to Staging Area 1. Safety fencing shall be installed across the site access and between the southern isolated pond and the excavation limits (Figure 5) and signs shall be posted at the safety fence that read “*Sensitive Habitat – Pedestrian Access Only -Vehicles not Allowed Past this Point without a Biologist Present*”.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-4: A biologist shall be present to monitor: 1.) the initial mobilization of equipment and demobilization of equipment into Staging Area 2; 2.) during the installation of turtle exclusion fencing; 3.) during water drawdown activities, 4.) during the removal and installation of large wood; and 5.) during the removal of sediment within 100 feet from the water’s edge.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-5: Construction vehicles such as excavators, tractors, bulldozers, water trucks, generators etc. shall be brought into Staging Area 2 at the start of construction and remain onsite, southeast of the pond overflow during construction. The construction vehicles shall be removed from Staging Area 2 at the end of the construction. The biologist shall be on site during mobilization and demobilization of vehicles to and from Staging Area 2.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-6: Any other large equipment such as delivery trucks or fuel trucks must be accompanied to Staging Area 2 by the biologist or designee. The RCDTC shall be notified 2 days in advance of deliveries or fuel trucks that need to travel past the Sensitive Habitat Safety fencing to arrange for a biologist escort.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-7: The Porto-potty shall be stationed at Staging Area 1.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-8: Equipment, vehicles and materials are to be stored in designated Staging Areas at the end of each workday.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-9: Work is restricted to daylight hours. No work may be allowed to occur on site prior to sunrise or after sundown.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-10: Turtle Exclusion Fencing (TEF) shall be inspected each day and maintained in good working order. The contractor shall reinstall and/or repair downed or disturbed TEF or erosion controls immediately upon discovery. All erosion controls and TEF shall be removed completely from the project area upon completion of work.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-HERP-11: Each day, prior to the start of construction, the biologist or designee shall conduct daily clearance sweeps of work areas, silt fencing, safety fencing, and Staging Areas. A biologist shall remain on-call during all ground-disturbing activities in the event sensitive species are found within the work limits.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NWPT-1: Ground-disturbing activities within 300 feet of suitable aquatic habitat shall be scheduled outside the Northwestern pond turtle nesting period of May 1 through July 31.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NWPT-2: If turtles are found within active work zones, work shall be halted, and the contractor shall notify RCDTC and the biologist. The RCDTC will notify CDFW. Turtles and any other animal may only be captured, handled, or relocated by an authorized biologist with a CDFW Scientific Collecting Permit. Otherwise, turtles shall be allowed to move out of the work area on their own.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NWPT-3: The draw down of the pond and excavation of sediment adjacent to and within the draw down area shall occur as late in the project schedule as possible. The removal of sediment shall not result in the dewatering of the pond. Prior to the start of the pond draw down, a measuring gage shall be installed in the deepest part of the pond. The pond shall be drawn down to a depth no shallower than 3 feet at its deepest point, maintaining a wet area large enough to avoid impacting NWPT.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: CONTRATOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NWPT-4: The drawdown of Adams Pond shall be completed in accordance with an approved Water Management Plan reviewed by the RCDTC and the CDFW. Gasoline- or diesel-powered pumps shall not be allowed within the limits of the pond or adjacent wetlands. Pumping rates shall be managed to maintain adequate water depth (no less than 3 feet at the pond's deepest point) and to prevent stranding of aquatic species. Discharge locations shall include sediment and turbidity controls (e.g., sediment bags, vegetated buffers).

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NWPT-5: Existing large wood found within the existing wetted portion of the pond that is currently used by basking turtles shall be photographed. If any of the existing large wood used for basking must be removed, that large wood shall be removed only after the pond level has dropped and the wood has been exposed. The wood shall then be carefully removed and stockpiled until the pond excavation is complete. Once excavation is complete, the wood will be reinstalled at the water's edge along the same general alignment, orientation and sun exposure. If the original large wood is unsalvageable, the biologist shall select other suitable large wood structure for installation at the water's edge. The biologist shall monitor the removal of the wood and installation of the wood.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-FYLF-1: If Foothill yellow legged frog adults, juveniles, larvae, or eggs are observed during the pre-construction survey, the biologist shall notify the RCDTC immediately who will coordinate with CDFW to determine the appropriate course of action to avoid impacting the species. Work shall not begin in that area until appropriate consultation and clearance are obtained.

Schedule: **PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: RCDTC

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-TOAD-1: Project activities will be scheduled, **outside of the western spadefoot breeding period of December–April** (depending on rainfall).

Schedule: **PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-TOAD-2: If Western spadefoot toad adults, juveniles, larvae, or eggs are observed during the pre-construction survey, the biologist shall notify the RCDTC immediately who will coordinate with CDFW to determine the appropriate course of action to avoid impacting the species. Work shall not begin in that area until appropriate consultation and clearance are obtained.

Schedule: **PRE-CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: RCDTC

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BIRD-1: If tree removal, vegetation clearing, or the onset of potentially disturbing activities such as mobilization or construction activities will occur during the nesting season (February 1 – August 31), a biologist shall conduct pre-construction nesting bird surveys within 7 days prior to the start of site activities. Survey limits shall include at least 500 feet for raptors and 100 feet for passerines as measured from the project footprint including access and haul roads.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NEST-1: If an active non-raptor nest is located within the project limits or within 100 feet of construction activities, a 100 foot no-disturbance buffer shall be installed around the nest site until the biologist determines nesting is complete and fledglings have left the area.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NEST-2: A biological monitor shall oversee activities near established nesting buffers to ensure compliance and that adults and young are not disturbed. Nesting buffer distances may be adjusted by the biologist depending on site conditions and species sensitivity. Work may be modified, suspended, or halted if monitoring shows adverse effects to adults or young.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NEST-3: If an active raptor nest (including eagles, hawks, owls, or falcons) is identified within the project work limits or within 500 feet of the construction area, all tree removal, vegetation clearing, grading, and other potentially disturbing activities shall be temporarily suspended. A biologist shall evaluate the nest site and surrounding habitat and consult with the CDFW through the RCDTC to establish an appropriate no-disturbance buffer. The buffer shall be clearly marked in the field and maintained intact until the biologist determines, in consultation with CDFW, that the young have successfully fledged and the nest is no longer active, or until CDFW authorizes adjustment of the buffer. No construction activities shall occur within the designated buffer area while the nest remains active.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING
DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-NEST-4: An inactive raptor nest shall not be removed without prior approval of CDFW and USFWS as appropriate. If the contractor must cut down a tree with a raptor nest, the contractor shall contact the biologist and the RCDTC. The RCDTC shall contact CDFW and USFWS as appropriate for approval to remove the nest.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING,
DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-GOLD-1: If the onset of potentially disturbing activities such as mobilization, vegetation removal or construction activities will occur during the nesting season for Golden Eagle (January 1 – August 31), a biologist shall conduct pre-construction nesting bird surveys within 7 days prior to the start of site activities. The survey shall include all suitable nesting habitat within at least a 1.0-mile radius of all proposed work areas.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING,
DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-GOLD-2: If an active Golden eagle nest is identified within 1.0 mile of the Project Area, the biologist shall notify the RCDTC who will notify USFWS and CDFW for direction. Work within 1.0 mile of a nest during the breeding season is prohibited unless approved by USFWS and CDFW. A biologist shall monitor the nest during construction to ensure compliance and has the authority to stop work if Golden eagle nest disturbance is observed.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING,
DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BALD-1: Bald eagle sightings shall be reported to the biologist and RCDTC.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING,
DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST-CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BAT-1: Prior to any vegetation removal, a biologist will determine if pallid bats or Western red bats are roosting in the vegetation to be removed / disturbed.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BAT-2: If pallid bats or Western red bats are identified as roosting within the vegetation to be removed / disturbed, vegetation removal shall be suspended until a biologist, in consultation with CDFW, can establish appropriate measures to minimize impacts to these species.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BAT-3: To the extent possible, all direct disturbance to identified bat roosts shall occur between August 31 and May 1, in order to minimize the likelihood of injuring or killing juvenile bats during the period when they are still unable to fly.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BAT-4: To the extent possible, the removal of trees or branches with defects (cavities, cracks, exfoliating bark, etc.) that provide potential bat roosting or bird roosting / nesting habitat will be avoided.

Schedule: VEGETATION CLEARING

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BAT-5: The removal of trees that provide suitable bat roosting (such as trees with deep bark crevices, snags, or holes) shall be conducted between August 31 and October 30, or earlier than October 30 if evening temperatures fall below 45 degrees Fahrenheit and/or more than a half inch of rainfall occurs within 24 hours. These dates correspond to the time period when bats would not be caring for non-volant young and have not yet entered torpor. A biologist shall monitor removal/trimming of trees that provide suitable bat roosting habitat.

Schedule: **VEGETATION CLEARING**

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BAT-6: Tree removal/trimming shall occur over two consecutive days. On the first day in the afternoon, limbs and branches shall be removed using chainsaws only. Limbs with cavities, crevices, or deep bark fissures shall be avoided, and only branches or limbs without those features shall be removed. On the second day, the entire tree shall be removed. Prior to tree removal/trimming, each tree shall be shaken gently and several minutes shall pass before felling trees or limbs to allow bats time to arouse and leave the tree. The biologist shall search downed vegetation for dead or injured bat species and report any dead or injured special-status bat species to CDFW.

Schedule: **VEGETATION CLEARING**

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-RING-1: If an active Ringtail den is discovered, a 100-foot no-disturbance buffer shall be established around the den until it is confirmed by a biologist to be inactive. Buffers may be modified in consultation with the CDFW if site conditions warrant. A biological monitor shall be present during initial ground disturbance to ensure project activities do not impact Ringtail, it's young or the active den. The monitor shall have the authority to halt work if Ringtail or active dens are encountered.

Schedule: **PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING, DURING CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

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Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-BADG-1: If a badger den is identified within the proposed disturbance footprint or within 50 feet of the work limits, a 50-foot exclusion zones shall be installed around each den entrance. The configuration of exclusion zones should be circular, with a radius measured outward from the den entrance(s). Exclusion zones will be demarcated with staking and flagging that encircles each den or entrance but does not prevent access to the den by a badger. No construction activities will occur within the exclusion zones.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, EVERYONE

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

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Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-PLANT-1: Prior to the start of construction, a botanist shall survey the project impact limits for special status plant species once in the Winter/Spring and once in the Summer. If special status plant species are identified within the project impact areas, the limits of the plants shall be flagged in the field and work shall be routed around those plants to avoid impacts to the species.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, VEGETATION CLEARING

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

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Mitigation Measure BIO-MM-PLANT-2: Prior to accessing the site, all equipment and vehicles shall be washed and free of weed seed to avoid introducing invasive non-native species to the site.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Geology and Soils

Mitigation Measure SOIL-MM 1: Soils within the sediment disposal areas shall be contoured to match surrounding topography and compacted to the engineer's approval, followed by revegetation in accordance with the Post Construction Restoration Plan to prevent rill formation.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure SOIL-MM 2: Permanent erosion controls shall be installed as designed and as recommended during construction to ensure the integrity of the restored disposal area and other restored areas.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure SOIL-MM 3: The RCDTC or designated consultant shall inspect the site during the first year to ensure soil has remained in place and vegetation has become established. Any issues shall be corrected upon discovery.

Schedule: POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONSULTANT

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure SOIL-MM 4: The property owner shall inspect the site during and after the wet season and correct any erosion issues upon discovery and follow the Post Construction Monitoring Plan.

Schedule: POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: PROPERTY OWNER

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Mitigation Measure HAZ-MM 1: Entrenched Silt fencing shall be installed around Staging Areas in accordance with the Erosion Control / Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan. The entrance and exit of Staging Area 2 shall be closed at the end of each workday using silt fence with sandbags placed at the base of the silt fence.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure HAZ-MM 2: Hazardous materials, including fuels, lubricants, and other petroleum-based products, may be stored onsite within the confines of the staging areas and within secondary containment.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure HAZ-MM 3: Vehicles and equipment shall be fueled at **least 50 feet from aquatic resources** within the limits of the silt fence staging areas with a drip pan placed under the fuel tank.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure HAZ-MM 4: Vehicles and equipment shall be stored within the confines of the Silt Fence staging areas when not in use and at the end of each working day.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure HAZ-MM 5: Vehicles and equipment shall be inspected for fuel, lubricants and other petroleum-based leaks at the beginning of each working day. Any vehicles and equipment found to be leaking shall be repaired before putting that equipment into operation.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Hydrology and Water Quality

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 1: Entrenched Silt fencing shall be installed around Staging Areas in accordance with the Erosion Control / Turtle Exclusion Fence Plan. The entrance and exit of Staging Area 2 shall be closed at the end of each workday using silt fence with sandbags placed at the base of the silt fence.

Schedule: PRE-CONSTRUCTION, DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 2: Hazardous materials, including fuels, lubricants, and other petroleum-based products, may be stored onsite within the confines of the staging areas and within secondary containment.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 3: Vehicles and equipment shall be fueled at **least 50 feet from aquatic resources** within the limits of the silt fence staging areas with a drip pan placed under the fuel tank.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 4: Vehicles and equipment shall be stored within the confines of the Silt Fence staging areas when not in use and at the end of each working day.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 5: Vehicles and equipment shall be inspected for fuel, lubricants and other petroleum-based leaks at the beginning of each working day. Any vehicles and equipment found to be leaking shall be repaired before putting that equipment into operation.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 6: Soils within the sediment disposal areas shall be contoured to match surrounding topography and compacted to the engineer's approval, followed by revegetation in accordance with the Post Construction Restoration Plan to prevent rill formation.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION, POST CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 7: Permanent erosion controls shall be installed as designed and as recommended during construction to ensure the integrity of the restored disposal area and other restored areas.

Schedule: DURING CONSTRUCTION

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONTRACTOR

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 8: The RCDTC or designated consultant shall inspect the site during the first year to ensure soil has remained in place and vegetation has become established. Any issues shall be corrected upon discovery.

Schedule: **POST CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: RCDTC, CONSULTANT

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____

Mitigation Measure WQ-MM 9: The property owner shall inspect the site during and after the wet season and correct any erosion issues upon discovery and follow the Post Construction Monitoring Plan.

Schedule: **POST CONSTRUCTION**

Responsible Party: PROPERTY OWNER

Verification of Compliance

Monitoring Party: RCDTC

Initials: _____

Date: _____