Reclamation District 799 *(Hotchkiss Tract)*

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Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

TO: Responsible Agencies, Trusted Agencies, and Interested Parties

LEAD AGENCY: Reclamation District 799

PROJECT TITLE: Hotchkiss Tract Levee Rehabilitation Project

REVIEW PERIOD: January 23, 2026 to February 22, 2026

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Reclamation District (RD) 799, as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is proposing to implement the Hotchkiss Tract Levee Rehabilitation Project (project). In order to improve flood protection, the project would rehabilitate the existing Dutch Slough levee along Dutch Slough to meet the California Department of Water Resources Bulletin 192-82 Agricultural Standard, and incorporate habitat enhancements and vegetation management, where feasible.

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located in eastern Contra Costa County, California. A portion of the project site is located in the city of Oakley, although the City's primary developed area lies west of the project area. The project area encompasses two primary segments within RD 799's levee system: the Dutch Slough and Sandmound Slough levees. The Dutch Slough levee is the continuation of the Little Dutch Slough levee near the Jersey Island Bridge. The project area is predominantly rural and surrounded by tidal wetlands, levee systems, and agricultural lands typical of the Delta region.

HAZARDOUS WASTE DISCLOSURE: The project site is not included on any lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962,5, which includes but is not limited to lists of hazardous waste facilities, properties, and disposal sites.

FINDINGS/ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: RD 799 as the lead agency has prepared an Initial Study (IS) to provide the public and trustee and responsible agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with the project. The IS/Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) describes potentially significant impacts on biological resources, cultural resources, tribal cultural resources, and utilities and service systems. Mitigation measures have been identified for these environmental topics to reduce impacts to less-than-significant levels. Effects found to be less than significant and those with no environmental impacts are also described in the IS/MND. RD 799 has reviewed and considered the project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and therefore, RD 799 hereby proposes to adopt a MND for this project.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD AND PROJECT DOCUMENT ACCESS: A 30-day public review period for the MND will commence on January 23, 2026 and end on February 22, 2026, for agencies and members of the public to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the MND must be received by RD 799 by **4:00 PM** on **February 22, 2026.** Copies of the MND are available for review at RD 799's office at 6325 Bethel Island Road, Bethel Island, CA 94511 or on RD 799's web site at: https://rd799.com/public-notices/.

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