

RECLAMATION DISTRICT 1500

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE RD 1500 FLOOD CONTROL AND FLOOD SAFETY REHABILITATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Reclamation District 1500 (RD 1500) intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the RD 1500 Flood Control And Flood Safety Rehabilitation Project ("Project"). The public hearing to consider adoption of the IS/MND will be held at the District's Office, 15094 Cranmore Rd., Robbins, CA 95676, on Tuesday August 25, 2026, at 9:00 am.

RD 1500 has proposed to modernize and upgrade the existing Karnak Drainage Facility to allow continued discharge of water from the RD 1500 Canal to the East Canal, which feeds into the Sacramento Slough and then into the Sacramento River in unincorporated Sutter County, California. The Project consists of three antiquated pump stations located on Assessor's Parcel Number (APN) 034-170-012, 034-170-022, 034-170-030, 034-170-031 (Project Site). These APNs total approximately 7.6 acres in size. The Project is adjacent to the Sutter Bypass/East Canal levee with existing culverts through the levee that will continue to be used. The improvements would allow the facility to continue to provide flood protection to the Sutter Basin similar to current operations. One of the three existing pump stations would be modernized to improve pump discharge capabilities as to make the facility easier to maintain and operate. The other two existing pump stations would be demolished, with one of the two being replaced in the same position by a slightly larger pump station. Additionally, new energy efficient equipment would be installed, and the pumping capacity of the station would be increased from 1,900 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 2,200 cfs. The electrical facilities would be upgraded and be flood protected by locating them two feet above the flood stage. An emergency backup generator would be installed on the levee, but otherwise no modifications will be made to the existing levee. Construction of the Project would involve site preparation, grading, paving, construction, and site cleanup. Principal deliveries to the Project site would include construction equipment, concrete and asphalt materials, building materials, and any additional hardware required to construct the Project.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an IS/MND has been prepared, evaluating the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. RD 1500 has determined that potentially significant environmental impacts can be reduced to less than significant level with implementation of identified mitigation measures. Copies of the IS/MND are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 15094 Cranmore Rd., Robbins, CA 95676. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed IS/MND begins on June 23, 2026, and ends on July 23, 2026. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Wyatt Czesinski at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or email at wczesinski@ppeng.com.

The Project site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.