NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

Final Environmental Impact Statement and Record of Decision for the McGriff Lakes-Sutter Basin Watershed Flood Control and Flood Safety Project

September 3, 2026

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

Unique Identification Number: EISX-005-53-006-1107702473.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Record of Decision (ROD).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 1500), and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Regulations (7 *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 650), the U.S. Department of Agriculture NRCS gives notice that a final environmental impact statement has been completed for the McGriff Lakes-Sutter Basin Watershed Flood Control and Flood Safety Project.

Public Review for the draft Plan EIS was completed on August 10, 2026. No comments were received during public review. The Final Watershed Plan-EIS and ROD will be available to the public for 45 days, from September 18, 2026 to November 2, 2026 on the Reclamation District 1500 website at www.rd1500.org. Hard copy versions of the documents are available at the NRCS Yuba City Service Center, 1511 Butte House Rd, Suite B, Yuba City, CA. 95993 and the Reclamation District No. 1500 office at 15094 Cranmore Road, Robbins, CA. 95676.

For further information regarding this notice, you can email commentsCAwatersheds@usda.gov or you can contact Richard Rivas, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 430 G Street Davis, CA 95616, by telephone and leave a voicemail at (530) 792-5510 (Attn: Small Watershed Program, McGriff Lakes-Sutter Basin Watershed Flood Control and Flood Safety Project).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An Environmental Impact Statement was required to be completed for this project due to Federal Small Watershed Program Requirements.

The purpose of this Project is to provide reliable and long-term flood control and damage reduction for the Sutter Basin and to protect public safety and emergency access. The need for this Project is to provide at least the current level of flood protection to the Sutter Basin that is provided by the existing Karnak Drainage Facility, which has provided flood prevention for the Sutter Basin for over 100 years but is antiquated and nearing the end of its useful life, to maintain protection of the social and economic activities in the benefitted area, including local housing and industry, agriculture and transportation across a critical evacuation route. Without intervention, the existing Karnak Drainage Facility will eventually fail and no flood protection would be provided, therefore modernization is needed.

Carlos Suarez, responsible Federal official for projects administered under the provisions of Public Law 83-566, 16 U.S.C. Sections 1001 to 1008, in the State of CA, is hereby providing notification that a record of decision to proceed with the installation of this Watershed project is available. This notice of availability has been forwarded to various federal, state, and local agencies and interested parties. Basic data developed during preparation of the environmental impact statement are on file and may be reviewed through coordination with NRCS by calling (530) 792-5510 (Attn: Small Watershed Program, McGriff Lakes-Sutter Basin Watershed Flood Control and Flood Safety Project) or emailing at commentsCAwatersheds@usda.gov.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposal will be taken until 45 days after the date of this publication. Publication Date: September 18, 2026.

September 3, 2026

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(This activity is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with state and local officials.)