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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND PUBLIC MEETING for the  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT on the  
CACHE CREEK AREA PLAN UPDATE PROJECT**

**DATE:** May 10, 2019  
**TO:** Interested Agencies and Individuals  
**FROM:** Yolo County Natural Resources Division

**The Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH #2017052069) for the Cache Creek Area Plan (CCAP) Update is now available for review. Public comment on this document is invited for a 45-day period extending from Friday, May 10, 2019 to Monday, June 24, 2019. A public meeting before the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8:30 am. More information is provided below.**

The Cache Creek Area Plan (CCAP) is a rivershed management plan adopted in 1996 that regulates off-channel mining and in-channel restoration along the Lower Cache Creek corridor. The Plan is comprised of the Off-Channel Mining Plan (OCMP), the Cache Creek Resources Management Plan (CCRMP), and the Cache Creek Improvement Program (CCIP), and is implemented by the Cache Creek In-Channel Maintenance Mining Ordinance, the Off-Channel Surface Mining Ordinance, the Surface Mining Reclamation Ordinance, the Gravel Mining Fee Ordinance, and the Flood Protection Ordinance.

The Proposed Project is an update to the CCAP, comprised of an integrated set of proposed modifications to the CCAP and the ordinances that implement it, to reflect changing conditions in the creek, analysis of monitoring data collected as a part of the program, new regulatory requirements, and clarifications and corrections. This review and update is a mandated part of the adopted program. The CCAP is based on the concept of adaptive management and relies on ongoing detailed monitoring, analysis, and reevaluation.

The CCAP area encompasses 28,130 acres within unincorporated Yolo County along the 14.5-mile length of Lower Cache Creek, extending generally from west of the Capay Dam on the west, to the town of Yolo on the east.

The proposed changes fall into three categories: 1) updates to include history and context of what has occurred under the program since 1996, including updates related to the regulatory framework and corrections of errata; 2) clarifications that better describe the intent of the program

relative to the text included in the original documents; and 3) other proposed changes to the program.

Key proposed changes that may lead to environmental impacts include: 1) increase of the in-channel material removal limit from 210,000 tons to 690,800 tons annually; 2) identification of an additional 1,188 acres within the planning area to be rezoned to add the Sand and Gravel Reserve Overlay (SGRO) zone, which allows for future possible aggregate mining; and 3) extension of the plan horizon year to 2068.

The proposed CCAP Update will require the following actions by the County:

- Certification of the EIR including a Resolution adopting findings of fact and taking other actions required under CEQA.
- Approval of the CCAP Update.
- Approval of a Resolution(s) amending the 2030 Countywide General Plan to recognize the changes to the CCAP including amendments to the OCMP, CCRMP, and CCIP.
- Approval of an Ordinance(s) modifying the In-Channel Maintenance Mining Ordinance, Off-Channel Surface Mining Ordinance, Surface Mining Reclamation Ordinance, Gravel Mining Fee Ordinance, and Flood Protection Ordinance to incorporate the CCAP Update changes.
- Approval of an Ordinance amending the zoning for 1,188 acres to add the SGRO zone.

Ongoing in-channel and off-channel activities may involve approvals from other agencies as well, including, but not limited to: Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The County and its consultant, Baseline Environmental Consulting, have prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A Final EIR (Response to Comments) will be prepared following public review and comment. The County will consider this information when deliberating the project. Following certification of the Final EIR, the County may take action to adopt the proposed project, and subsequent proposed in-channel and off-channel activities may rely on the EIR for CEQA compliance and/or tiering.

The DEIR analyzes impacts in the areas of Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources, Geology, Soils, and Mineral Resources, Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Energy, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise and Groundborne Vibration, Transportation, and Cumulative Effects. With the exception of Aesthetics, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, and Noise and Vibration, significant impacts are identified in each of these topical areas.

The DEIR and all documents incorporated by reference are now available for public review at the following website:

<https://www.yolocounty.org/general-government/general-government-departments/county-administrator/county-administrator-divisions/natural-resources/cache-creek-area-plan-ccap/cache-creek-area-plan-20-year-update>.

Electronic copies of the document may be requested free of charge from the Yolo County Natural Resources Division at 625 Court Street, Suite 202, Woodland, CA 95695 by contacting Casey Liebler, Natural Resources Program Coordinator in advance at (530) 666-8236 or [casey.liebler@yolocounty.org](mailto:casey.liebler@yolocounty.org). Printed copies of the document may be requested for a fee to cover the cost of copying. A printed copy of the document is also available for public review at the Woodland Public Library at 250 First Street, Woodland, CA 95695. Please contact Casey Liebler (using the contact information provided above) for more information.

**You may submit comments on the DEIR during the 45-day public review period which begins Friday, May 10, 2019 and ends Monday, June 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm. All comments on the DEIR must be received by the Yolo County Natural Resources Division by 5:00 pm on June 24, 2019 in order to be considered.** Comments may be sent by postal service, electronic mail, delivery, or provided verbally at the Yolo County Planning Commission meeting on June 13, 2019. Pursuant to Section 15088(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, late comments will be considered only at the County's discretion. Comments must be directed to:

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**A public meeting before the Planning Commission will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 8:30 am** in the Board of Supervisors Chambers (Room 206) at 625 Court Street, Woodland, CA to accept verbal comments on the DEIR. There will be no transcription of oral comments at this meeting. Comments received will be summarized by staff for inclusion in the Final EIR. Those who wish to have their verbatim comments incorporated in the Final EIR must submit their comments in writing.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you are a disabled person and you need a disability-related modification or accommodation to participate in these hearings, please contact the Yolo County Department of Community Services at (530) 666-8078. Please make your request as early as possible and at least one-full business day before the start of the meeting.

In compliance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(c)(6) the lists specified under Government Code Section 65962.5.5 related to hazardous waste conditions include two sites within the CCAP planning area, however neither of these sites are located within the in-channel area or on any of the parcels proposed to be rezoned with the SGRO zone, and therefore would be unaffected by the proposed project.

For more specific questions about the project, please contact Casey Liebler at [casey.liebler@yolocounty.org](mailto:casey.liebler@yolocounty.org) or (530) 666-8236.

