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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY for the RESPONSES TO COMMENTS on the DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT for the CACHE CREEK AREA PLAN UPDATE PROJECT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS to consider adoption of the CACHE CREEK AREA PLAN UPDATE Governor's Office of Planning & Research

DATE:August 19, 2019TO:Interested Agencies and IndividualsFROM:Yolo County Natural Resources Division

The Responses to Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) (SCH #2017052069) for the Cache Creek Area Plan (CCAP) Update are now available for review. Public hearings to consider certification of the EIR and adoption of the CCAP Update will be held before the Yolo County Planning Commission on Thursday, September 12, 2019 at 8:30 am and before the Yolo County Board of Supervisors on October 8, 2019 at 9:00 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 inchannel 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 are analyzed in the Draft EIR 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:

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