



Date: June 19, 2019  
To: Interested Parties  
From: City of Sacramento  
Subject: Notice of Availability and Intent to Consider Adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lower American River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project

The City of Sacramento (City) and the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) have prepared an Environmental Assessment/Initial Study/proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (EA/IS/MND) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) evaluating the potential environmental effects of the proposed Lower American River Anadromous Fish Habitat Restoration Project (proposed project). The project, which is located along the Lower American River (LAR) between Nimbus Dam and Riverbend Park in Sacramento County, is proposed to improve conditions for anadromous fish in the American River. The City (a) has concluded that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment; (b) has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and (c) anticipates recommending to the City Council that it approve the MND. The project site is not included on the Hazardous Waste and Substances Sites (Cortese) List.

The City, in association with Reclamation and the Sacramento Water Forum (Water Forum), would borrow gravel material from Sailor and Mississippi Bars, and place up to 30,000 tons of gravel per year at up to three sites within the American River channel within 10 broadly defined areas. The project also includes floodplain and side channel creation/enhancement, and instream habitat structure placement in the LAR as part of ongoing Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA), Section 3406(b)(13) improvement requirements.

The IS/MND identifies potentially significant impacts related to the proposed project. All potentially significant impacts are reduced to less-than-significant levels with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study.

**The EA/IS/MND is being circulated for public review and comment for a 30-day period beginning on June 20, 2019 and ending on July 19, 2019.** A copy of the EA/IS/proposed MND is available for public review at the Water Forum, 1330 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811 or online at <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental>.

Please send written comments on the EA/IS/MND to Lilly Allen, Water Forum, 1330 21st St., Sacramento, CA 95811. Comments may also be sent via e-mail to [lallen@cityofsacramento.org](mailto:lallen@cityofsacramento.org). For e-mailed comments, please include the project title in the subject line, attach comments in MS Word format, and include the commenter's name and U.S. Postal Service mailing address. All written comments must be received by 5 p.m. on July 19, 2019.