

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



DATE: October 16, 2017

Based upon the conclusions set forth in the Initial Study, the CEQA Lead Agency finds that the proposed Project, which includes measures and mitigations designed to minimize environmental impacts, would not result in significant adverse effects on the environment. The CEQA Lead Agency has prepared this Notice of Intent to adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to 14 CCR Section 15072.

Project Title:
Cypress Avenue Bridge South - Side Channel Habitat Project
Project Proponent:
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
Lead Agency:
Western Shasta Resource Conservation District
Public Review Period:
A 30-day public review period will begin on October 16, 2017. Written comments must be submitted to the Lead Agency no later than until 5 PM on November 14, 2017. A 20-day public review period has been requested. If approved by State Clearinghouse, end date for public comments would change to 5 PM on November 4, 2017.
Available Material:
A copy of the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) and supporting material are available at the WSRCD office (6270 Parallel Road, Anderson, CA 96007) and Shasta County Clerk (1643 Market St, Redding, CA 96001). A copy of the IS/MND is available online at http://www.westernshastarc.org/Home/ A copy of the IS/MND will be posted to State Clearinghouse: http://www.ceqanet.ca.gov/
Contact for Public Comments:
Written comments on the draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration may be addressed to: Western Shasta Resource Conservation District, 6270 Parallel Road, Anderson CA 96007, Attn: Harmony Gugino, Project Manager. (530) 365-7332 x. 206. Comments may also be sent by email to harmony@westernshastarc.org
Project Location:
Cypress Avenue Bridge South - Side Channel Habitat Project ("Project") is located at RM 295 immediately downstream of the Cypress Avenue Bridge, within the City of Redding's Henderson Open Space (HOS), a recreational area that is maintained in a relatively natural state with some unpaved pedestrian trails and

recreational opportunities. The total project area encompasses 55 acres on public and private property adjacent to the Sacramento River.

Project Description:

Under existing conditions, several existing ponds within the HOS are disconnected from the main stem Sacramento River. The Project proposes to create year-round cold-water rearing habitat for juvenile salmonids, with a potential spawning gravel component, while maintaining access along the riverward side of Henderson Open Space. The Project includes the following major features:

- Excavation of up to 4.5 acres to connect existing pond features and creation of approx. 3,000 linear feet of perennial side channel habitat.
- Installation of two bridge crossings and one culvert across new side channel.
- Installation of one pedestrian recreation trail (approx. 2,000 linear feet) along east bank of new side channel.
- Placement of up to 7,500 CY of sorted spawning gravel along river left of the main stem Sacramento River; derived from side channel excavation or imported material.