



Westlands Water District

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May 18, 2020

Delta Stewardship Council
Attn: Covered Actions
980 9th Street, 15th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Record of Consistency Certification for Covered Action C20203

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 8, 2020, Westlands Water District ("District") received the notice of appeal of the District's Delta Plan consistency certification for the Lower Yolo Restoration Project ("Project"). Consistent with the Delta Stewardship Council's adopted procedures governing appeals, the District is hereby notifying you that the record at the time of certification is full and complete as of the date of this correspondence given the vagueness of the assertions in the appeal, the limited time the District has had to compile the record materials, and the challenges of compiling the record in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.¹

The following is a chronology of events leading up to the District's filing the Certification of Consistency with the Delta Plan.

- On September 18, 2018, the District's Board adopted the Addendum to the 2013 Final Environmental Impact Report ("EIR") and approved the Project.
- On October 23, 2019, ICF staff, on behalf of the District, met with Delta Stewardship Council staff as part of recommended early consultation for consistency certifications.
- On April 7, 2019, ICF, on behalf of the District, posted, for public review, the District's certification of consistency with the Delta Plan for the Project, along with supporting documentation that consisted of the following:

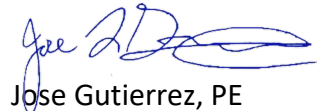
1. Lower Yolo Restoration Project Draft EIR, Volumes 1 and 2
2. Lower Yolo Restoration Project Final EIR

¹ / In submitting the record, the District expressly reserves, and does not waive, its right to assert any and all defenses to the appeal filed May 8, 2020, including but not limited to the Council's lack of jurisdiction to hear untimely appeals.

3. Lower Yolo Restoration Project Final EIR Addendum
 4. GP1b1 Coequal Goals supporting description
 5. GP1b2 MMRP Comparison Table between the Lower Yolo ERI MMRP and the Delta Plan MMRP
 6. GP1b3 Consistency Document for Best Available Science
 7. GP1b4 Lower Yolo Ranch Adaptive Management and Monitoring Plan
 8. ERP2 Site Topography map
 9. ERP3 Restored Habitat map
 10. ERP5 Habitat Conditions description
 11. DPP2 Local Land Use compatibility
 12. RRP3 Lower Yolo Restoration Project Flood Modeling Technical Memorandum
- On May 8, 2020, the Solano County Water Agency filed an appeal of the District's certification of consistency with the Delta Plan.

Westlands Water District looks forward to working with the Council to keep this important project moving forward.

Sincerely,



Jose Gutierrez, PE
Chief Operating Officer

cc:

Roland Sanford, Solano County Water Agency
Jeanne Zolezzi, counsel for Solano County Water Agency
Charles R. Gardner, Jr., Hallmark Group