



SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

**DELTA CONSERVANCY**

*A California State Agency*

**RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**

**RESOLUTION OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY ADOPTING THE FINAL MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE ARUNDO CONTROL AND RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE CACHE SLOUGH COMPLEX AND APPROVING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, on September 25, 2013, the Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy approved entering into a contract to receive funds from the Department of Water Resources in the amount of \$1,000,000 to support the Delta Arundo Control and Restoration Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Scope of Work in the agreement between the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and Department of Water Resources (Agreement 4600010476) describes the Arundo Control and Restoration Project in the Cache Slough Complex (Project) under Task 2; and

**WHEREAS**, an Initial Study (IS) and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) were prepared for the Project by the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000-21177) and CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Sections 15000-15387); and

**WHEREAS**, the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy is the lead agency on the Project, and the Board is the decision-making body for the proposed Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the IS and Proposed MND was prepared and circulated for public and agency review on June 19, 2015 with a review period ending on July 20, 2015. This comment period provided an opportunity for the public and agencies to review the issues addressed and offer comments on any aspect of the environmental review process, or the adequacy of the evaluation and mitigation measures; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 24, 2015, the Intent to Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration was noticed in the Vacaville Reporter; and

**WHEREAS**, two comments letters were received during the comment period. The comments did not require substantial changes in the Initial Study or in the Project, and no significant effects were identified; and

**WHEREAS**, mitigation measures as listed in the MND have been incorporated as conditions of approval for the Project by and through the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

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**WHEREAS**, the IS and MND for the Project determined that, with the incorporation of mitigation measures, the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, consistent with Public Resources Code Section 21081.6(a)(2), the documents which constitute the record for this project are located at the offices of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and may be inspected by any person.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy:

(1) Finds, based on the whole record before it, including the IS, the MND, and all comments received, that with the incorporation of the proposed mitigation measures there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the MND reflects the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy's independent judgment; and

(2) Consistent with Public Resources Code § 21081.6(a)(1), adopts the MND and the proposed Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Arundo Control and Restoration Project in the Cache Slough Complex; and

(3) Approves implementation of the Arundo Control and Restoration Project in the Cache Slough Complex.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Board of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy at a meeting held on September 2, 2015 in West Sacramento, California, by the following vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:

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Jim Provenza, Chair