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SACRAMENTO - SAN JOAQUIN

DELTA CONSERVANCY

A California State Agency

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY ADOPTING RESPONSIBLE AGENCY FINDINGS PURSUANT TO THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) FOR THE YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Whereas, the Yolo Bypass Drainage Project ("Project") is a proposal put forth by Ducks Unlimited, Inc. to improve water management and drainage for the Yolo Bypass; and

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife is the lead agency pursuant to CEQA (Public Res. Code, § 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (14 CCR § 15000 et seq.); and

Whereas, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife prepared an Initial Study (IS) and Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA in order to analyze all potential adverse environmental impacts of the project; and

Whereas, on January 8th 2018, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife considered and certified the Mitigated Negative Declaration including adoption of a mitigation monitoring and reporting program (attached as Exhibit A), and approved the Project ; and

Whereas, Ducks Unlimited, Inc. has requested funding from the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy (Delta Conservancy) for the Project and the Delta Conservancy must, therefore, as a responsible agency, make certain findings prior to its approval of funding for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY AS FOLLOWS:

- a. The Delta Conservancy has, in its independent judgment, reviewed and considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's findings, which are incorporated herein by reference, and finds, as to those potential impacts within the Board's powers and authorities as a responsible agency, that the Mitigated Negative Declaration contains a complete, objective, and accurate reporting of the Project's potential impacts and that mitigation measures have been incorporated into the Project that avoid and/or substantially lessen any of the potentially significant effects of the Project.
- b. The Board further finds that no additional feasible mitigation measures within the Board's authority are necessary to reduce the environmental impacts of the project to less than significant levels.

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- c. The Delta Conservancy hereby authorizes and directs staff to file a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse.
- d. The documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings for this Resolution are located on the Delta Conservancy's website.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO-SAN JOAQUIN DELTA CONSERVANCY BOARD THIS JANUARY 24th, 2018.

VOTE

Ayes:

Noes:

Abstentions:

Absent:



Katherine Miller, Board Chair