

Floodplain Expansion and Ecosystem
Restoration at Dos Rios Ranch Project

Initial Study/Negative Declaration

November 20, 2015

Lead Agency:
Reclamation District 2092
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Turlock, California 95380
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Project Information

- 1. Project Title:** Floodplain Expansion and Ecosystem Restoration at Dos Rios Ranch Project
- 2. Lead Agency Name and Address:** Reclamation District 2092
121 W. Main St., Suite H
Turlock, California 95380
- 3. Contact Person and Phone Number:** Heyo Tjarks (619) 203-262
- 4. Project Location:** The Floodplain Expansion and Ecosystem Restoration at Dos Rios Ranch Project is located at the confluence of the Tuolumne and San Joaquin Rivers, approximately 9 miles west-southwest of downtown Modesto, in Stanislaus County (Figure 1). The Project site is bordered by the Tuolumne River (river mile 0 – 3.5) to the north, by the San Joaquin River (river mile 82 – 87) to the west, and farmland to the east and south. The Project site occupies approximately 5 miles of San Joaquin River frontage and 3.5 miles of Tuolumne River frontage. The proposed project consists of restoring approximately 1,000 acres of floodplain. Township 4 South R7E, Range 7 East.

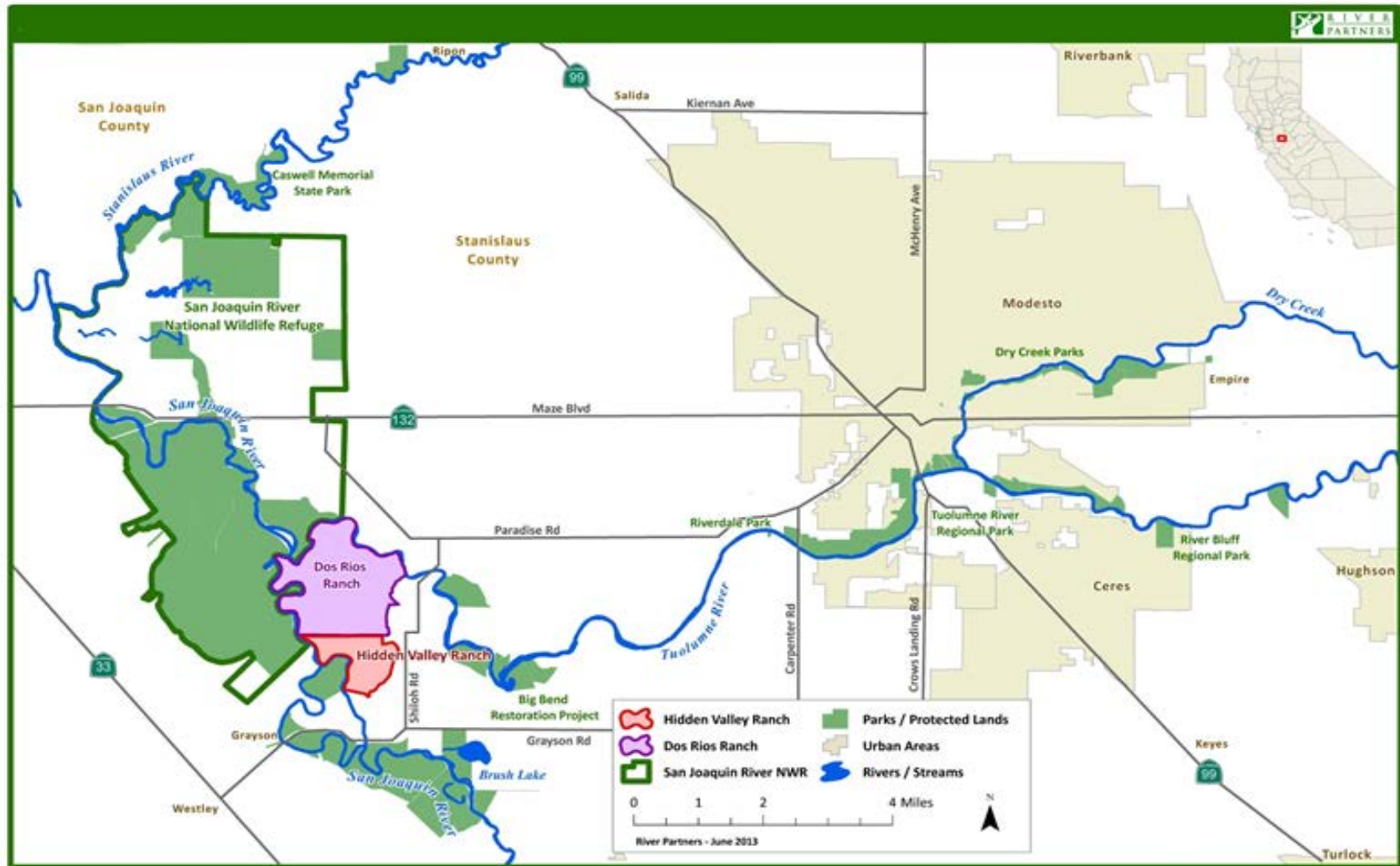
5. Description of Project:

The project will restore native vegetation on previously degraded primary and secondary floodplain lands along the San Joaquin and Tuolumne Rivers. Site preparation will include clearing of debris and weeds. Fields will be levelled and slightly modified (all grading will include mass balance on site) to promote improved hydraulic conditions for floodplain wildlife. A drip irrigation system will be installed above ground to service portions of the restoration project, while existing furrow irrigation systems will be used to irrigate the balance of the restoration project. Native plants will be propagated from local material and planted across the site in a patterned configuration parallel to the directions of overland flow. Weed control and irrigation will be performed during the growing season for three years. Irrigation will be provided from 3 existing fish-screened river pumps drawing riparian surface water from the San Joaquin and Tuolumne Rivers. Detailed information is provided in the Restoration Plan for the Dos Rios Ranch Floodplain Expansion and Ecosystem Restoration Project prepared by River Partners in 2015.

6. Findings

It is hereby determined that, based on the information contained in the attached Initial Study, the project would not have a significant adverse effect on the environment.

Figure 1. Project Vicinity Map



**CEQA Initial Study
Environmental Checklist Form**

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Turlock CA 95380
3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Heyo Tjarks, (619) 203-2628
4. **Project Location:** The Project is located at the confluence of the San Joaquin and Tuolumne Rivers in Stanislaus County. The property is owned in fee title by River Partners.
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** River Partners, attn: Heyo Tjarks
121 W. Main Street
Turlock CA 95380
6. **General Plan designation:** Agricultural and Open Space
7. **Zoning:** "A-2-40" Agricultural Lands minimum parcel size 40 acres, lands are enrolled in a perpetual conservation easement with the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service and with the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust. The USDA easement prohibits cropping, while both easements reserve the use of the property for the consistent purpose including open space and resource management.
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9. **Surrounding land uses and setting:** The property is located in a rural portion of Stanislaus County, miles from urban or urbanizing areas, and immediately adjacent to the 8,000-acre San Joaquin River National Wildlife Refuge.
10. **Other public agencies whose approval is required:**
Central Valley Flood Protection Board: Encroachment Permit
USFWS: 10a1a recovery permit for endangered species habitat
USDA NRCS: Compatible Use Authorization Agreement

ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is a "Potentially Significant Impact" as indicated by the checklist on the following pages.

- Aesthetics**
- Agriculture Resources**
- Air Quality**
- Biological Resources**
- Cultural Resources**
- Geology/Soils**
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials**
- Hydrology/Water Quality**
- Land Use/Planning**
- Mandatory Findings of Significance**
- Mineral Resources**
- Noise**
- Population/Housing**
- Public Services**
- Recreation**
- Transportation/Traffic**
- Utilities/Service Systems**

DETERMINATION: (To be completed by the Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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| | 11-20-2015 |
| Signature | Date |
| John Carlson | River Partners |
| Printed Name | For |

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS:

- 1) A brief explanation is required for all answers except "No Impact" answers that are adequately supported by the information sources a lead agency cites in the parentheses following each question. A "No Impact" answer is adequately supported if the referenced information sources show that the impact simply does not apply to projects like the one involved (e.g., the project falls outside a fault rupture zone). A "No Impact" answer should be explained where it is based on project-specific factors as well as general standards (e.g., the project will not expose sensitive receptors to pollutants, based on a project-specific screening analysis).
- 2) All answers must take account of the whole action involved, including off-site as well as on-site, cumulative as well as project-level, indirect as well as direct, and construction as well as operational impacts.
- 3) Once the lead agency has determined that a particular physical impact may occur, then the checklist answers must indicate whether the impact is potentially significant, less than significant with mitigation, or less than significant. "Potentially Significant Impact" is appropriate if there is substantial evidence that an effect may be significant. If there are one or more "Potentially Significant Impact" entries when the determination is made, an EIR is required.
- 4) "Negative Declaration: Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated" applies where the incorporation of mitigation measures has reduced an effect from "Potentially Significant Impact" to a "Less Than Significant Impact." The lead agency must describe the mitigation measures, and briefly explain how they reduce the effect to a less than significant level (mitigation measures from "Earlier Analyses," as described in (5) below, may be cross-referenced).
- 5) Earlier analyses may be used where, pursuant to the tiering, program EIR, or other CEQA process, an effect has been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or negative declaration. Section 15063(c)(3)(D). In this case, a brief discussion should identify the following:
 - a) Earlier Analysis Used. Identify and state where they are available for review.
 - b) Impacts Adequately Addressed. Identify which effects from the above checklist were within the scope of and adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and state whether such effects were addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis.
 - c) Mitigation Measures. For effects that are "Less than Significant with Mitigation Measures Incorporated," describe the mitigation measures which were incorporated or refined from the earlier document and the extent to which they address site-specific conditions for the project.
- 6) Lead agencies are encouraged to incorporate into the checklist references to information sources for potential impacts (e.g., general plans, zoning ordinances). Reference to a previously prepared or outside document should, where appropriate, include a reference to the page or pages where the statement is substantiated.
- 7) Supporting Information Sources: A source list should be attached, and other sources used or individuals contacted should be cited in the discussion.

8) This is only a suggested form, and lead agencies are free to use different formats; however, lead agencies should normally address the questions from this checklist that are relevant to a project's environmental effects in whatever format is selected.

9) The explanation of each issue should identify:

- a) the significance criteria or threshold, if any, used to evaluate each question; and
- b) the mitigation measure identified, if any, to reduce the impact to less than significance

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| I. AESTHETICS -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | | | | X |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | | | | X |
| c) Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings? | | | | X |
| d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>The project would enhance local aesthetics by establishing vegetation on previously degraded weedy lands.</i> | | | | |
| II. AGRICULTURE RESOURCES: In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | | | X | |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | | | | X |

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| c) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>The project area hosts farmlands that are enrolled in perpetual conservation easements held by the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service that expressly prohibits cropping. Farmlands enrolled in perpetual conservation easements with the Tuolumne River Preservation Trust will not be used for cropping, though the integrity of the soils, surface permeability, and open space will remain. Open space land uses identified for the project area do not conflict with existing Williamson Act contracts on enrolled lands.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>III. AIR QUALITY -- Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:</p> | | | | |
| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan? | | | | X |
| b) Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation? | | | | X |
| c) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)? | | | | X |
| d) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations? | | | | X |
| e) Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>The project does not conflict with any air quality plans or standards and will not increase criteria pollutants, pollution concentrations, exposure of sensitive receptors or objectionable odors. Historically, the project area has been used for dairy production and disposal of fruit canning waste by-product. These land uses were permitted in air quality management permits at the regional and state levels. The land uses are permanently retired from the project area and the San Joaquin Air Pollution Board has concluded that open space and wildlife habitat uses proposed for the project area require no air quality permitting. Therefore, the project will have a positive effect on air quality in the region.</i></p> | | | | |

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| IV. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service? | | | | X |
| b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service? | | | | X |
| c) Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means? | | | | X |
| d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites? | | | | X |
| e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance? | | | | X |
| f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>The project will enhance wildlife habitat for native wildlife. By re-establishing native vegetation communities, the project will result in greater acreage of suitable habitat for riparian-obligate wildlife including several threatened and endangered species. A USFWS Section 10a1a recovery permit is currently being negotiated.</i></p> | | | | |

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| V. CULTURAL RESOURCES -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource as defined in § 15064.5? | | | | X |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to § 15064.5? | | | | X |
| c) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | | | | X |
| d) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>Literature search for historic or cultural resources has resulted in no known records. The tribes of the San Joaquin Valley have been contacted regarding the project and have returned no known records for the property. Avoidance protocols are in place to halt work immediately and consult with appropriate authorities should such resources be found.</i> | | | | |
| VI. GEOLOGY AND SOILS -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: | | | | |
| i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | | | | X |
| ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? | | | | X |
| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? | | | | X |
| iv) Landslides? | | | | X |
| b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | | | | X |

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| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse? | | | | X |
| d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property? | | | | X |
| e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>The project involves only minor land leveling and vegetation management to establish native plant communities. Soil analysis has shown that the soils underlying stratification are sufficient to support the project as designed.</i> | | | | |
| VII. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials? | | | | X |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment? | | | | X |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school? | | | | X |
| d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment? | | | | X |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | | | | X |

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| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area? | | | | X |
| g) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | | | | X |
| h) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>The project includes the use of herbicides to control undesirable vegetation. Such herbicide application will be performed according to label instructions and in collaboration with the Agricultural Commissioners of Stanislaus County.</i> | | | | |
| VIII. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements? | | | | X |
| b) Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table level (e.g., the production rate of pre-existing nearby wells would drop to a level which would not support existing land uses or planned uses for which permits have been granted)? | | | | X |
| c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site? | | | | X |
| d) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, or substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or off-site? | | | | X |

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| e) Create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff? | | | | X |
| f) Otherwise substantially degrade water quality? | | | | X |
| g) Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard delineation map? | | | | X |
| h) Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows? | | | | X |
| i) Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam? | | | | X |
| j) Inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>The project will change the roughness associated with vegetation within the designated floodway of the San Joaquin River and Tuolumne River. This change in roughness may have a predicted effect on water surface elevations during flood events, however the change in water surface elevation has been limited to less than significant levels. Hydraulic and sedimentation analysis has been completed and coordination with the Central Valley Flood Protection Board is underway to ensure that the project is consistent with the management of the floodway.</i></p> | | | | |
| IX. LAND USE AND PLANNING - Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Physically divide an established community? | | | | X |
| b) Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including, but not limited to the general plan, specific plan, local coastal program, or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect? | | | | X |
| c) Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan? | | | | X |

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| Summary: <i>The project is compatible with numerous overlapping planning efforts including the General Plan for Stanislaus County, the Regional Flood Management Plan for the Mid-San Joaquin River, the Central Valley Joint Venture Implementation Plan, and the San Joaquin River Restoration Program.</i> | | | | |
| X. MINERAL RESOURCES -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state? | | | | X |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>The project will not alter mineral resources on the site.</i> | | | | |
| XI. NOISE -- Would the project result in: | | | | |
| a) Exposure of persons to or generation of noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies? | | | | X |
| b) Exposure of persons to or generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels? | | | | X |
| c) A substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | | | | X |
| d) A substantial temporary or periodic increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project? | | | X | |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | | | | X |
| f) For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | | | | X |

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| <p>Summary: <i>The use of hand-held landscaping tools and vehicles may temporarily increase noise levels in the vicinity of the project. Such noise will be restricted to daylight hours and is not anticipated to exceed decibel levels associated with routine landscaping, thus the potential impact is less than significant.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>XII. POPULATION AND HOUSING -- Would the project:</p> | | | | |
| a) Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)? | | | | X |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | | | | X |
| c) Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>The project will re-establish native vegetation on previously degraded lands. There is no impact to population or housing associated with the project.</i></p> | | | | |
| <p>XIII. PUBLIC SERVICES</p> | | | | |
| a) Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services: | | | | |
| Fire protection? | | | | X |
| Police protection? | | | | X |
| Schools? | | | | X |
| Parks? | | | | X |

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| Other public facilities? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>The project will change the vegetation community at Dos Rios Ranch – owned and managed by River Partners. The restoration plan has been reviewed by local fire departments and first responders and has not been found to increase the need for public service.</i></p> | | | | |
| XIV. RECREATION | | | | |
| a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | | | | X |
| b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | | | | X |
| <p>Summary: <i>This project does not include recreational facilities</i></p> | | | | |
| XV. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system (i.e., result in a substantial increase in either the number of vehicle trips, the volume to capacity ratio on roads, or congestion at intersections)? | | | | X |
| b) Exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways? | | | | X |
| c) Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks? | | | | X |
| d) Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | | | | X |
| e) Result in inadequate emergency access? | | | | X |

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| f) Result in inadequate parking capacity? | | | | X |
| g) Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>The project will have no influence on traffic or circulation.</i> | | | | |
| XVI. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS -- Would the project: | | | | |
| a) Exceed wastewater treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board? | | | | X |
| b) Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | | | | X |
| c) Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects? | | | | X |
| d) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed? | | | | X |
| e) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments? | | | | X |
| f) Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs? | | | | X |
| g) Comply with federal, state, and local statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | | | | X |
| Summary: <i>The project will have no influence on wastewater treatment facilities.</i> | | | | |

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| XVII. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE | | | | |
| a) Does the project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | | | | X |
| b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)? | ? | ? | ? | X |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | | | | X |
| Note: Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21087, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21080(c), 21080.1, 21080.3, 21082.1, 21083, 21083.3, 21093, 21094, 21151 | | | | |

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