

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
THE NATURAL RESOURCES AGENCY
CENTRAL VALLEY FLOOD PROTECTION BOARD
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION NO. 2017-12
CERTIFICATION OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC INTERCEPTOR CANAL CULVERT
REPLACEMENT PROJECT INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE
DECLARARTION AND APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT**

BACKGROUND:

- A. WHEREAS**, the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal is the Western Pacific Railroad Interceptor Canal (WPIC), also known as Western Pacific Railroad Intercepting Channel, is located in Yuba County north of Rio Oso and just east of California State Route 70; and
- B. WHEREAS**, the WPIC is part of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) federal Sacramento River Flood Control Project (Sacramento River Flood Control Project Bear River Levee System O&M Manual 2-4-84-1); and
- C. WHEREAS**, the Sacramento San-Joaquin Drainage District (SSJDD) owns in-fee parcel number 014-400-014-000, encompassing approximately 38 acres; and
- D. WHEREAS**, a failed drainage culvert exists through the eastern embankment on SSJDD property, the failed drainage culvert is no longer conveying water adequately, and a sinkhole exists in the embankment; and
- E. WHEREAS**, the project involves the removal and in-kind replacement of the failed drainage culvert, minimal site clearing, and site restoration to pre-project conditions; and
- F. WHEREAS**, the Board, as lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), PRC § 21000 et seq. prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), (State Clearinghouse (SCH) No. 2015102075); and
- G. WHEREAS**, the Board released the IS/MND for a 30-day public review on October 27, 2015 until November 25, 2015; and
- H. WHEREAS**, the IS/MND concluded that the Project would not result in significant environmental effects on aesthetics, agricultural and forestry resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, utilities and public services; and
- I. WHEREAS**, the IS/MND concluded that significant environmental effects on biological resources, cultural resources, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water

quality would be avoided or reduced to less-than significant levels by mitigation measures identified in the IS/MND: and

- J. **WHEREAS**, the IS/MND together with the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan constitute the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (Final MND); and
- K. **WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the Final MND together with the comments received and the responses to those comments; and
- L. **WHEREAS**, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15091, changes and alterations have been required in, or incorporated into, the project, which avoid and minimize the potential significant environmental effects identified in the Final MND.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

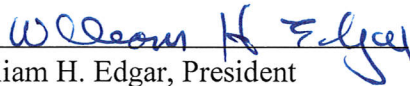
1. The Board has independently considered the IS/MND and the comments received on the IS/MND as set forth in Attachment B, and has considered the information contained therein prior to acting on the proposed Project.
2. The Board finds that the comments received do not require any major revisions to the IS/MND due to new or substantially more severe significant effects on the environment.
3. The Board finds that the IS/MND was prepared, published, circulated and considered in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines, constitutes an adequate, accurate, objective, and complete Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the requirements of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the Board.
4. The Board finds that, on the basis of the whole record before it, there is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment.
5. The Board hereby adopts the Final MND for the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Culvert Replacement Project.
6. The Board hereby adopts the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project.
7. The Board hereby approves the Western Pacific Interceptor Canal Culvert Replacement Project.
8. The Board delegates authority to the Executive Officer to execute the Notice of Determination

CUSTODIAN OF RECORD:

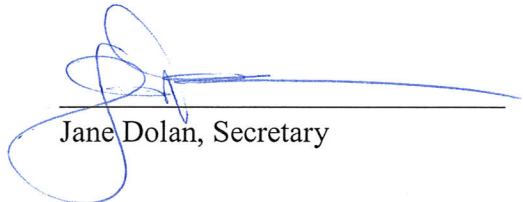
9. That the Board's custodian of the CEQA record is its Executive Officer located at 3310 El Camino Avenue, Suite 170, Sacramento, California 95821.

This resolution shall constitute the written decision of the Board in the matter of certifying the WPIC Culvert Replacement Project IS/MND and approving the project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by vote of the Board on December 15, 2017



William H. Edgar, President



Jane Dolan, Secretary