

Central Valley Flood Protection Board

Executive Officer Delegation Report

Original Posting Date: April 6, 2021

Number of Applications Scheduled: 1

Application Number: 19578

Applicant: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District

Location Description: The project is located approximately 0.3 mile southeast of the intersection of East 8 Mile Road and Hildreth Lane, and approximately 0.4 miles downstream of the Mosher Slough crossing over East 8 Mile Road, northeast of the City of Stockton.

County: San Joaquin

Stream: Mosher Slough

Project Description: To install 12-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) 5 feet below the Mosher Slough channel via horizontal directional drilling.

LMA Endorsement: San Joaquin County Flood Control and Water Conservation District

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Finding: The Board, as a responsible agency under CEQA, has reviewed the Demonstration Recharge Extraction & Aquifer Management Project and NSJWCD South System Improvements Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) (SCH No. 2016032012, March 2016), Addendum (December 2020) and the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP), prepared by the lead agency, San Joaquin County. These documents, including project design, are available for review in hard copy at the Board and the County's offices. The County determined that the project would not have a significant effect on the environment and filed a Notice of Determination with the State Clearinghouse on September 14, 2017. The County made revisions to the project and/or incorporated mandatory mitigation measures into the project plans to avoid or mitigate such impacts to a point where no significant adverse impacts will occur. These mitigation measures are included in the County's IS/MND and address impacts to biological and cultural resources, transportation, hazards and noise. The mitigation measures are further described in the County's adopted IS/MND. The Board, as a responsible agency, is responsible for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect environmental effects of those parts of the project which it decides to carry out, finance, or approve (CEQA Guidelines § 15096(g); Public Resources Code § 21002.1(d)). The Board's responsibility under CEQA is limited to imposing conditions or mitigation related to effects on the State Plan of Flood Control. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096, Board staff independently reviewed the County's IS/MND, and finds the environmental documents prepared by the lead agency adequately address hydrology impacts, including potential flood risk, for the Board's approval of Permit No. 19578 to authorize work to install a 12-inch diameter high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE) 5 feet below the Mosher Slough channel via horizontal directional drilling within the Mosher Slough Designated Floodway which is within the Board's responsibility as it relates to effects on the State's flood control system. The IS/MND conclusions related to

flood risk are further supported by the hydraulic blockage analysis relied upon by Board staff, which confirm the project will result in less than significant hydraulic impacts. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines § 15096(f) and (g), staff recommends that the Board make responsible agency findings that approval of Permit No. 19578 will not result in any significant adverse impacts related to flood risk. The project will not adversely impact the State Plan of Flood Control; therefore, no additional mitigation measures within the Board's jurisdiction are required. The documents and other materials which constitute the record of the Board's proceedings in this matter are in the custody of the Executive Officer, Central Valley Flood Protection Board, 3310 El Camino Ave., Suite 170, Sacramento, California 95821.