

APPENDIX A

Notice of Preparation

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To: _____ From: _____

(Address) (Address)

Subject: Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

_____ will be the Lead Agency and will prepare an environmental impact report for the project identified below. We need to know the views of your agency as to the scope and content of the environmental information which is germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project. Your agency will need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when considering your permit or other approval for the project.

The project description, location, and the potential environmental effects are contained in the attached materials. A copy of the Initial Study (is is not) attached.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice.

Please send your response to _____ at the address shown above. We will need the name for a contact person in your agency.

Project Title: _____

Project Applicant, if any: _____

Date _____ Signature _____

Title _____

Telephone _____

Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14, (CEQA Guidelines) Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.

Notice of Preparation of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report

Solano County Water Agency will be the Lead Agency and will prepare a Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) to comprehensively address near-term and long-term activities planned for the Putah Creek Restoration Project-Upper Reach.

A programmatic EIR is an EIR that reviews the environmental impacts “of a series of actions that can be characterized as one large project” and that are related geographically, as logical parts in a chain of proposed actions, in connection with general criteria to govern the conduct of a continuing program, and/or “as individual activities carried out under the same authorizing statutory or regulatory authority and having generally similar environmental effects which can be mitigated in similar ways” (CEQA Guidelines, section 15168, subd. (a)). A program EIR offers several advantages, including providing for a more exhaustive consideration of effects and alternatives, avoiding duplicative consideration of policy issues, reducing paperwork, and allowing the lead agency to consider program-wide mitigation measures (CEQA Guidelines, section 15168, subd. (b)).

The DPEIR applies to restoration efforts proposed for the Upper Reach of the Putah Creek Restoration Project, planned by the Solano County Water Agency (SCWA) and the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC). The Upper Reach Project Area includes the area just downstream of the Putah Diversion Dam (one mile west of Winters) to the Western edge of the Yolo Basin Wildlife Area (near Yolo County Road 106A).

The Project purpose is to restore and rehabilitate the creek channel, banks, and associated habitats to more natural, self-sustaining form and function, consistent with the current (post-Monticello Dam) hydrologic regime. The proposed program of projects and activities (collectively, the “Project”) would be implemented to stop further degradation of the creek corridor and to “jump-start” natural geomorphic and ecological processes in site-specific locations.

Program Activities include:

- Channel reconfiguration
 - Create low-flow channel and floodplain
 - Create side channels
 - Reposition thalweg
 - Construct riffles
 - Increase channel sinuosity
 - Construct rock-cross-vane grade/flow control structures
 - Stabilize channel banks
 - Construct rock revetments
 - Construct log revetments
 - Install root wads
 - Install large woody debris
 - Improve fish spawning gravels
 - Gravel augmentation
 - Loosen embedded gravels by scarification
 - Fill abandoned gravel pits
- Vegetation management

- Remove invasive plants
- Plant native vegetation
- Maintenance
 - Irrigate native vegetation
 - Manage non-native vegetation
 - Maintain long-term access points

Environmental effects of the programmatic EIR are probable in the following areas: Aesthetics; Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases; Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Geology and Soils; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Geomorphology; Land Use, Population, and Agricultural Resources; Noise;; Public Services; Recreation; Transportation/Traffic; Utilities; and Water Quality.

The purpose of the NOP is to inform responsible agencies and the public that the Proposed Project could have significant effects on the environment and to solicit comments so that any concerns raised could be considered during the preparation of the DPEIR. Potential effects of the project could include disturbance to the bed and bank of Putah Creek, air and noise pollution during restoration activities, and impacts to water quality. The DPEIR will address these potential effects as well as any other potential impacts discussed during the scoping meeting and any associated mitigation.

A Public Scoping Meeting on the Proposed Project will occur on February 12, 2015, from 3:00-5:00 pm at Winters City Hall, located at:

Winters City Hall
318 1st Street
Winters, CA 95694

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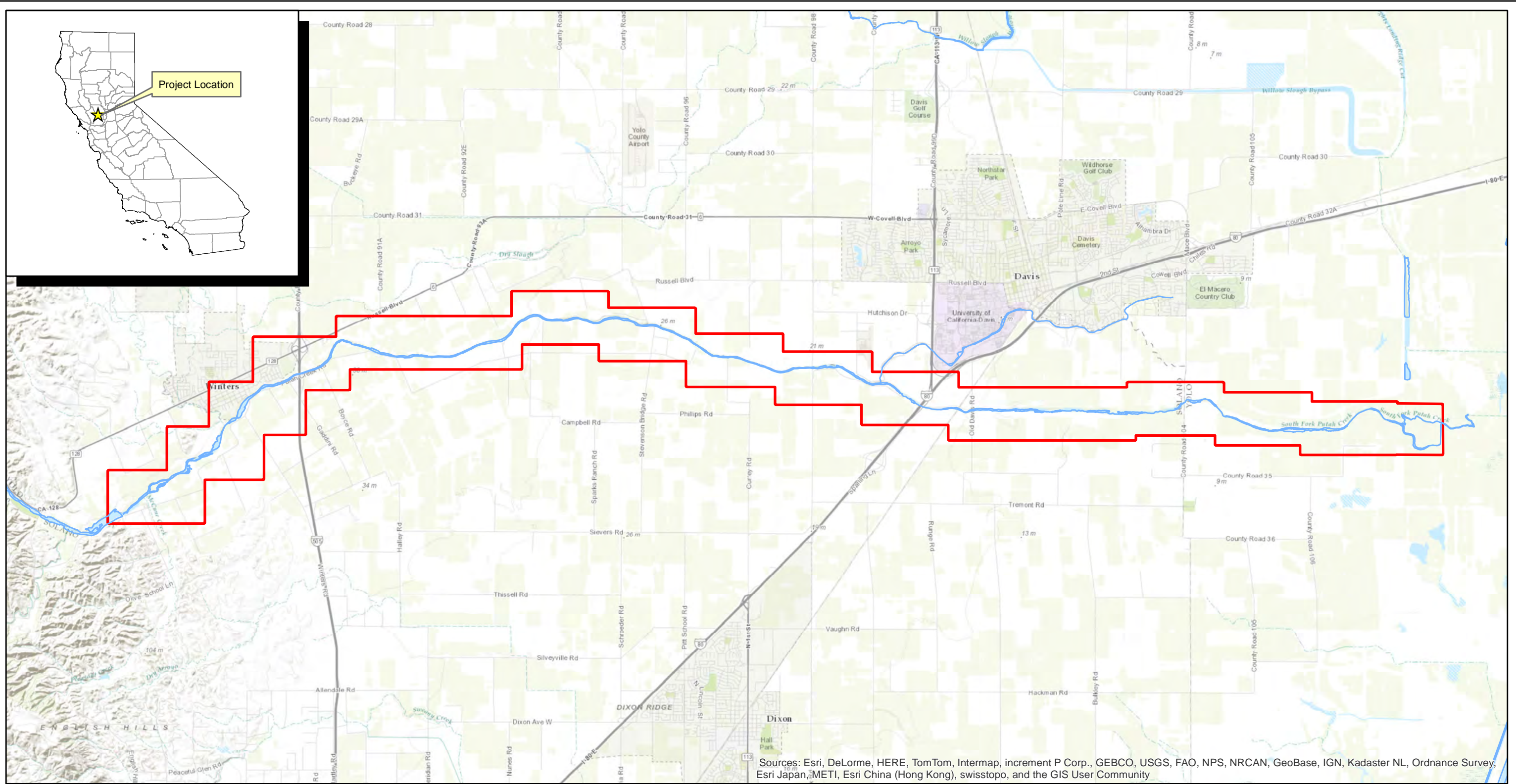
Send written comments to the Lead Agency on the Scope of the programmatic EIR by March 15, 2015.

Document pertaining to this programmatic EIR can be viewed at:

<https://files.stillwatersci.com>

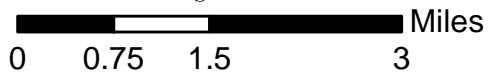
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Map Sheet Area

Lower Putah Creek Restoration Project - Upper Reach Program
Solano and Yolo County, California

Figure 1
Vicinity Map
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