



State of California - The Natural Resources Agency  
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT AN  
INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE PROPOSED  
YOLO BYPASS WILDLIFE AREA HABITAT AND DRAINAGE  
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**Date:** December 1, 2017

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has prepared and intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area Habitat and Drainage Improvement Project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CDFW is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

CDFW prepared an Initial Study (IS)/MND and will circulate it for public review and comment in December 2017.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, located at the intersection of East Chiles Road (County Road 32B) and the western levee of the Yolo Bypass two miles east of Davis, California.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:** The proposed project includes five major improvements to enhance CDFW's ability to manage wetland resources and agricultural operations within the YBWA. Specific improvements include installing new water control structures, expanding canals, installing box culverts and two con-span bridges, replacing existing culverts, raising road grades, separating dual function ditches, relocating an existing water pump, and installing two new pumps.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** This Draft IS/MND is being circulated for public review for a period of 30 days, beginning **December 1, 2017 and closing on January 2, 2018**. Questions regarding the project should be directed to:

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The IS/MND may be reviewed at the following locations during normal business hours or downloaded from the CDFW website at the following URL:

<https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/notices>

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- Yolo Bypass Wildlife Area, 45211 County Road 32B, Davis, CA 95616