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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
NOTICE OF PROPOSED USE OF STATE LANDS FOR
A TEMPORARY ROCK BARRIER IN OLD RIVER
SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

PARTY:

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BACKGROUND

On September 26, 1979, the State Lands Commission approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), effective October 19, 1979, by and between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the State Lands Commission, which provides for the utilization by DWR of State lands under the jurisdiction of the Commission for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Resources Development System.

CURRENT PROPOSAL

Pursuant to the terms of the MOU, DWR has provided the Commission with a "Notice of Proposed Use of State Lands" and proposes to construct a temporary rock filled barrier at the head of Old River.

The barrier at the head of Old River serves as mitigation for adverse fisheries impacts which would occur as a result of out migrating San Joaquin River salmon encountering previously installed agricultural barriers. Screening of two agricultural diversions serves as mitigation for the barrier induced incremental adverse impacts to proposed fisheries monitoring. Our understanding is that increases in flows through the Central

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Delta as a result of the temporary barrier project could result in increased numbers of fish being drafted into the South Delta where they would be subject to loss by agriculture diversions and pumping at the State Water Project and Central Valley Project pumps.

A portage ramp and warning signs will be installed on and over the barrier to reduce impacts on recreational navigation.

Staff has reviewed the project and recommends the use of the subject land be limited to a term concurrent with United States Army Corps of Engineers permit no. 199101051, giving Federal authorization to DWR for the project. The project will be subject to the implementation of the mitigation measures referenced in said permit.

The earlier concerns that United States Fish and Wildlife Service had over this project have been resolved and a monitoring evaluation and management program has been agreed to. Staff has requested that DWR provide to the Commission any and all documentation which results from this monitoring and management program.

In accordance with the procedures set forth in the MOU, staff acknowledges the "Notice of Proposed Use of State Lands".

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