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**DATE:** December 19, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**PROJECT:** Mossdale Tract Area Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project

**LEAD AGENCY:** San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency  
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Notice is hereby given by the San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency (SJAFCA), as the lead agency pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Mossdale Tract Area Urban Flood Risk Reduction Project (UFRR or proposed project) is available for public review and comment. This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared for the Draft EIR, in compliance with Section 15087 of the CEQA Guidelines.

**Project Location (Study Area):** The proposed project area covers 22,400 acres including Reclamation District 17 ([RD 17], 16,110 acres) and portions of the cities of Stockton, Lathrop, Manteca, and unincorporated San Joaquin County. The RD 17 levee system is comprised of state-federal project levees (also referred to as State Plan of Flood Control [SPFC]) along the San Joaquin River and French Camp Slough, which form the west and north borders of RD 17, and a dryland levee to the south. The land generally slopes east to west and south to north, and because there is no levee along the east side of the RD 17 jurisdiction, the interior drainage watershed extends to the east of RD 17. The proposed project area includes the SPFC levees, RD 17's dryland levee, the area for a proposed dryland levee extension, the Mossdale Tract area, and areas to the west along the San Joaquin River identified for the potential development of ecosystem restoration features.

**Project Description:** The proposed project would include the construction and operation and maintenance of flood risk reduction and multi-benefit components in and adjacent to the proposed project area. Specifically, the primary components of the proposed project include the following:

- Fix-in-place improvements with habitat enhancement and revegetation.
- Dryland levee extension.
- Ecosystem restoration at multiple sites.
- Recreational features along the levee system.

**Anticipated Significant Environmental Effects:** As required by CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15126.2), the Draft EIR objectively assesses and discloses potential environmental effects of the project. The Draft EIR identifies potentially significant impacts on aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, terrestrial biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, emergency response plans, water quality, noise, transportation, tribal cultural resources, and wildfire. The Draft EIR also identifies significant and unavoidable

impacts in the following resource areas: agricultural resources, cultural resources, noise and vibration, and tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures would be implemented to reduce impacts on resource areas with potentially significant or significant and unavoidable impacts.

**Comment Period:** The Draft EIR is available to federal, state, and local agencies and interested organizations and individuals who may want to review and comment on the adequacy of the analysis. The Draft EIR is available at: <https://www.sjafca.org/projects/mossdale-tract>. The document is also available at the Cesar Chavez Central Library at 605 North El Dorado Street.

Publication of the Draft EIR marks the beginning of a 45-day public review period. The 45-day public review period for the Draft EIR is December 19, 2025 through 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 2, 2026. Please send your written comments to: Ryan Curry, Senior Project Manager, San Joaquin Area Flood Control Agency, 2800 March Lane, Suite 200, Stockton, CA 95219 or by email to: [Ryan.Curry@sjafca.org](mailto:Ryan.Curry@sjafca.org). Please also include the name of a contact person if submitting comments on behalf of an agency, tribal group, or organization. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.

**Public Meeting:** During the 45-day review period, a virtual public meeting will be held via Zoom on Tuesday, January 13 from 6-7 p.m. Pacific Time. To join the virtual meeting on your computer or Zoom mobile application, please click the following link or join by phone:

Meeting URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87083637562?pwd=1x8FhWRoKxU1nf6qpJJGbecCYbnjgv.1>

Meeting ID: 870 8363 7562

Passcode: 792847

Or call in (audio only) + 1 669 444 9171 (United States)

To ensure the best experience for this meeting, please join via the Desktop or mobile Zoom application. The dial-in audio conferencing number should only be used if other options do not work or are not available.