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Service Announces Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary Unit Restoration and Pumping Plant/Fish Screen Facility Protection Plant Project

Comments will be accepted until June 25, 2012

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service today announced the availability of a draft environmental impact statement and environmental impact report (EIS/EIR) for the Llano Seco Riparian Sanctuary Unit Restoration and Pumping Plant/Fish Screen Facility Protection Project. This project is located in Glenn and Butte Counties, California.

The Service and the California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) are the federal and state lead agencies for the proposed project. The proposed project includes riparian restoration on the Riparian Sanctuary Unit of the Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge and protection of the Princeton-Cordora-Glenn and Provident Irrigation Districts pumping plant and fish screen facility.

The notice will publish in the Federal Register on May 4, 2012. The public comment period begins May 4, 2012 and closes on June 25, 2012. The DEIS/EIR is available on the following websites: www.fws.gov/sacramentovalleyrefuges/ and www.riverpartners.org/where-we-work/sanctuary/documents.html.

A public meeting will be held to solicit comments on May 30, 2012, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Ord Bend Community Hall, 3241 Highway 45, Ord Bend, CA 95943. Copies of the DEIR/EIR are also available at the following locations for public review:

- Sacramento NWR Complex, 752 County Road 99 W, Willows, CA 95988
- River Partners Office, 580 Vallombrosa Ave., Chico, CA 95926
- Orland Free Library, 333 Mill Street, Orland, CA 95963
- Chico Branch Library, 1108 Sherman Ave., Chico, CA 95926
- CDFG Office, 629 Entler Ave., Suite 12, Chico, CA 95928
- PCGID-PID Office, 258 South Butte Street, Willows, CA 95988

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