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## EAST SAND SLOUGH FISH HABITAT PROJECT UPDATE

The East Sand Slough Salmonid Habitat Project (Project) is now scheduled to begin construction mid to late August 2021.

The Project, funded by the Central Valley Project Improvement Act b13 Program, has been under planning and design for three years. This project is one of many completed and under planning to improve fish spawning and rearing habitat along the Upper Sacramento River.

The Project team includes US Bureau of Reclamation, fisheries agencies, Chico State Enterprises, Sacramento River Forum, the Northern Region Office of DWR, Yurok Tribe and the Resource Conservation District of Tehama County (RCDTC).

RCDTC has completed an update Addendum of the 2019 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration. The addendum refines certain project elements but does not change the environmental findings or mitigation measures. The document has been filed with Tehama County and can be found on the RCD website via the link: <a href="https://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/notices">https://www.tehamacountyrcd.org/notices</a>

The Project will construct a year-round low flow channel to provide fish rearing habitat. The work of the Project will be performed primarily within the channel. Select walking paths within the Red Bluff Recreation Area will be intermittently closed for safety concerns as construction equipment and crews work within the slough.

To stay up to date on the Project, please follow RCDTC on Facebook or contact Jon Barrett of RCDTC, <u>jbarrett@tehamacountyrcd.org</u> or Jane Dolan of Sacramento River Forum. <u>Jane@riverforum.org</u>

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