

Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

To: Office of Planning and Research
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County Clerk
County of: Sutter

From: (Public Agency): Sutter County Resource Conservation District
PO Box 282, Yuba City, CA 95991

(Address)

Project Title: Feather River Side Channel Restoration: Exploratory Borings Project

Project Applicant: Sutter County Resource Conservation District

Project Location - Specific:

The Project is located adjacent to the Feather River at the approximate coordinates.: 3

Project Location - City: Yuba City Project Location - County: Sutter

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

To support the future Feather River Side Channel Restoration Project, six exploratory borings would be drilled to evaluate the soil type and strength/seepage parameters to inform the project design. For estimated locations and depths of the borings, please refer to Attachment 1. Project Description.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Sutter County Resource Conservation District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Sutter County Resource Conservation District

Exempt Status: (check one):

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
☒ Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Class 6 Information Collection (Sec. 15306)
☐ Statutory Exemptions. State code number: _____

Reasons why project is exempt:

The work activities consist of performing geotechnical investigation work. Work would include six borings. Five of the borings will be approximately 30 feet deep, and one of the borings will be approximately 60-75 feet deep. This work will not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. The borings will be backfilled with grout.

The project is applying for coverage under CEQA categorical exemption Class 6: Information Collection. Resource data collection, including geotechnical investigation, is specifically categorically exempted from CEQA per the Water Authority's Administrative Code implementing CEQA [§8.00.070(a)(6)(ii)].

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Mike Johnston Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 530-713-0389

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes ☐ No ☒

Signature: Mike Johnston Date: 1-21-2026 Title: PRESIDENT

☐ Signed by Lead Agency ☒ Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

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FEATHER RIVER SIDE CHANNEL RESTORATION: EXPLORATORY BORINGS PROJECT

Project Description



Prepared for
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1.0 PROJECT DESCRIPTION

1.1 PROJECT LOCATION AND SURROUNDING LAND USE

The Feather River Side Channel Restoration: Exploratory Borings Project (Project) is located in Yuba City, in Sutter County, from approximately river mile (RM) 24.7 to RM 26.3 along the Feather River.. The parcels associated with the Project are assessor parcel numbers (APN) 52-570-006, 20-160-071, 22-090-007, 22-090-010, 22-090-012, 22-090-013, 23-040-051, 55-010-019, and 23-040-050 (**Figure 1**). Four of these parcels do not have zoning or land use designations assigned. Three parcels are zoned Recreation (REC) with a land use designation of Public Recreation (PR). Two parcels are zoned Agriculture (AG) with a land use designation of Open Space (OS), and one parcel is zoned Public (P) with a land use designation of Open Space (OS).



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Legend

- Project Boundary
- Project Parcels



FIGURE 1. PROJECT APNS.

1.2 PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Project activities will consist of performing geotechnical investigation work. This would include installing six borings. Five of the borings will be approximately 30 feet deep, and one of the borings will be approximately 60-75 feet deep. These exploratory borings will be done to support the future Feather River Side Channel Restoration Project, which will consist of habitat restoration improvements including construction of up to approximately 1.5 miles of side channels waterside of the Feather River West Levee (FRWL).

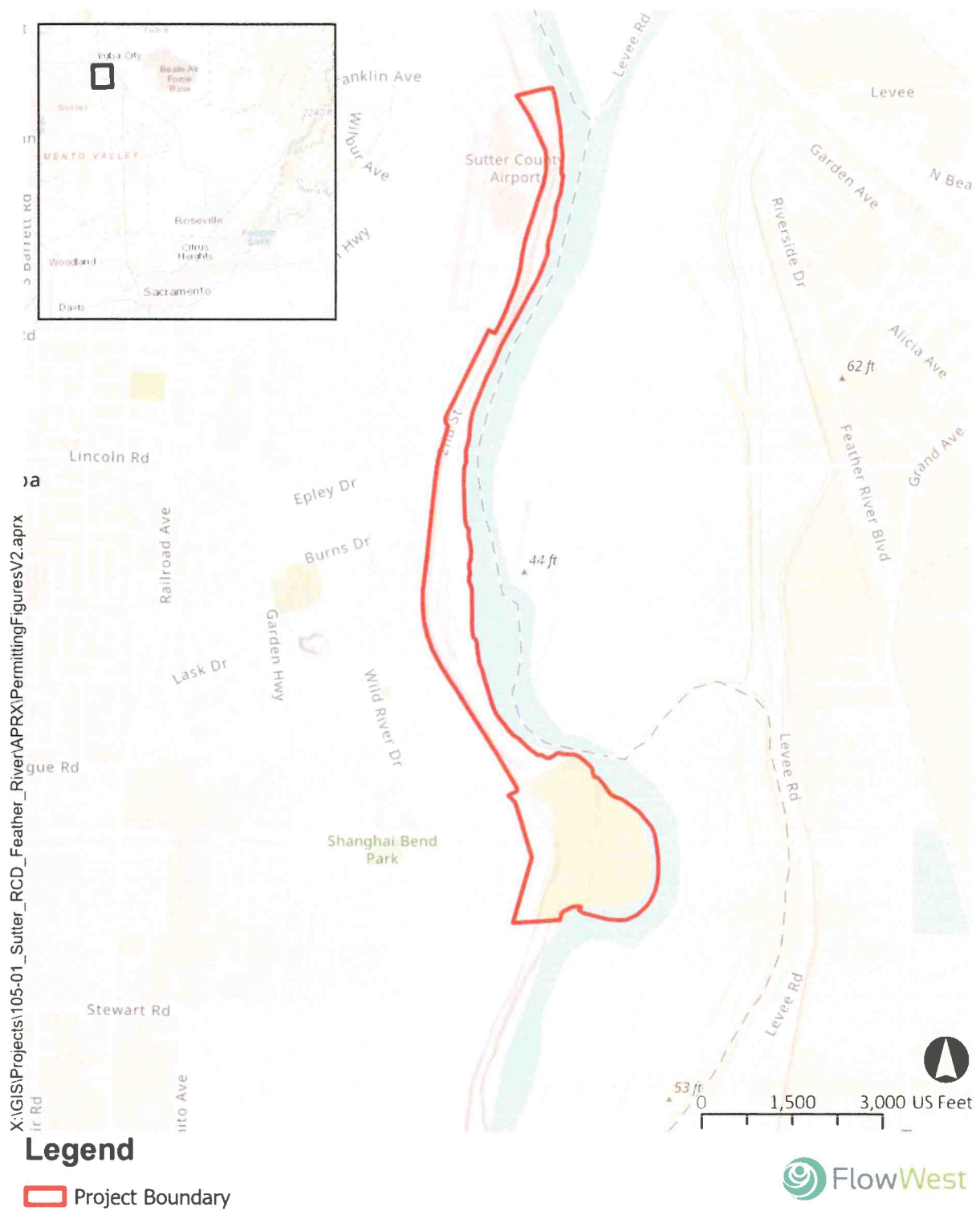


FIGURE 2. PROJECT OVERVIEW.

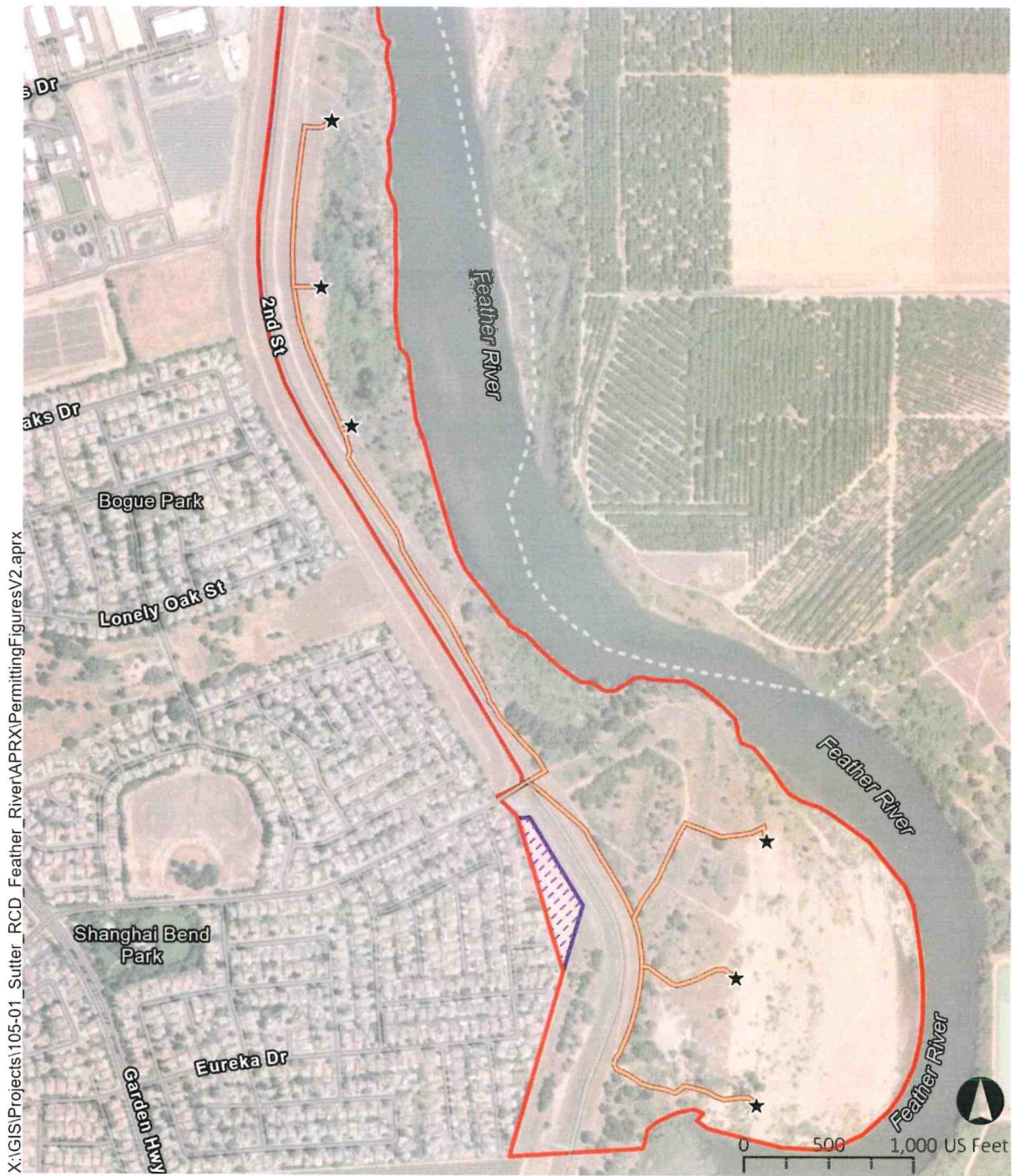
1.3 CONSTRUCTION DETAILS

Borings will be performed by a C-57 licensed driller that will use a track- or truck-mounted drill rig equipped with approximately 4- to 6- inch diameter solid-stem or hollow-stem augers and will switch to a mud rotary wash method (drill fluids) below groundwater in deeper borings. Soil samples will be collected using California Modified (CalMod) and/or Standard Penetration Test (SPT) samplers at approximately 2.5- to 5- foot depth intervals. The borings will be backfilled with grout in accordance with Sutter County requirements.

Soil samples will be recovered in sample tubes or baggies for observation and lab testing. Auger cuttings and drilling fluids will be drummed, hauled off-site, and disposed of by the drilling subcontractor.

TABLE 1: PROJECT CUT AND FILL.

Project Component	Cut	Fill
Borings	3 CY	3 CY
Total	3 CY	3 CY



Legend

- Project Boundary
- Access Routes
- ★ Boring Locations
- Staging Area



FIGURE 3. ACCESS AND STAGING