



*Dear Landowner:*

*Receipt of this Field Activity Advisory means that property you own or is owned by others near you is slated for Boundary Surveys by staff of the California State Lands Commission. The purpose of this advisory is to inform you of this pending activity and who to contact if you have any questions as they relate to the commission's statutory responsibility to identify sovereign lands of the State of California on sections of the San Joaquin River.*

## **Field Activity Advisory California State Lands Commission Boundary Surveys November 16, 2010**

Surveyors from the California State Lands Commission (CSLC) will perform boundary surveys along and near the San Joaquin River in Fresno, Madera and Merced Counties to determine sovereign lands of the State of California. Surveys are weather-dependent and anticipated to occur through June 30, 2011. Initial surveys will focus on identification and delineation of sovereign lands on the San Joaquin River from the Chowchilla Bifurcation Structure to Sack Dam (Reaches 2B and 3), and from Sand Slough the Mariposa Bypass Drop Structure (Reach 4B1). Field survey crews will search for, identify, and measure existing survey monuments at various land corners. They will also measure selected topographic features for future reference with respect to aerial photographs and historic mapping. These topographic features may include angle points of irrigation canals, points on irrigation control structures, wells, points on bridges, road intersections, building corners, and/or other prominent points that may be distinguishable on aerial photography and/or may appear on historical mapping.

Survey crews will mark found survey monuments with plastic survey flagging (ribbon) and/or a small amount of biodegradable marking paint, with permission of landowner. A wooden stake (lath) may also be placed by found survey monuments to aid others (landowners, private surveyors) in finding them in the future. Additionally, field survey crew may establish a limited number of survey control points (wood stakes, nails, spikes or similar at ground level) to facilitate measuring land corners and topographic features. No tools or other materials will be left on the premises. Field survey crews will endeavor to leave work areas as they were found.

**Who:** California State Lands Commission

**What:** Performance of boundary surveys to identify San Joaquin River lands sovereign to the State of California.

**When:** November 29, 2010, through June 30, 2011 (estimated completion date), 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

**Where:** Near and along the San Joaquin River in the vicinity of the Chowchilla Bifurcation (head of Reach 2B) through to the Mariposa Bypass Drop Structure (head of Reach 4B2). For maps of survey areas visit [www.restoresjr.net](http://www.restoresjr.net).

Prior to accessing private property, surveyors will attempt to locate and notify the landowner in-

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person. Where requested by the landowner in advance, CSLC staff will provide landowners at least seven day notice prior to entry. To receive advance notice, contact the SJRRP Landowner Coordinator Craig Moyle or his associate, Alexandra Tollette.

For additional information or if you have questions, contact the SJRRP Landowner Coordinator Craig Moyle or his associate Alexandra Tollette at:

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