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## **San Joaquin River Restoration Program extends comment period for environmental document**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The San Joaquin River Restoration Program is extending public review of a joint Initial Study and Environmental Assessment for the Eastside Bypass Improvements Project by 10 days. The original comment period was scheduled to close on Tuesday, Jan. 9 and will now close on Friday, January 19, 2018.

The proposed project, part of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, has the primary purpose of facilitating fish migration and increasing Restoration Flow capacity in the Eastside Bypass by 2020. The proposed Eastside Bypass Improvements Project would improve levee stability and thereby increase the flow capacity in the Eastside Bypass – a critical improvement as the Eastside Bypass between Sand Slough and the Mariposa Bypass is identified as the most limiting channel reach with regards to levee stability. The proposed project also calls for modifications to existing structures in order to facilitate fish passage for federally and state-listed salmonids and other native fish. Project completion is expected by the end of 2020.

The document is available at: [https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_details.php?Project\\_ID=30741](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=30741) and a hard-copy can be reviewed by contacting the individuals below. Written comments are due by Jan. 19, 2018, and can be emailed or mailed to Rebecca Victorine, Bureau of Reclamation, San Joaquin River Restoration Program, [2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=30741) or [rvictorine@usbr.gov](mailto:rvictorine@usbr.gov) and/or Karen Dulik, California Department of Water Resources, South Central Region Office, [3374 E. Shields Avenue, Fresno, CA 93726](https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=30741) or [Karen.Dulik@water.ca.gov](mailto:Karen.Dulik@water.ca.gov).

For additional information about the San Joaquin River Restoration Program, please visit <http://www.restoresjr.net> or contact Josh Newcom, Public Affairs Specialist, at 916-978-5508 or [snewcom@usbr.gov](mailto:snewcom@usbr.gov).

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