

Westlands Water District

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Public Scoping Meeting to Be Held for Shasta Dam Raise Project

Redding, Calif. – Westlands Water District (District) is preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Shasta Dam Raise Project (Project). Formerly known as the Shasta Lake Water Resources Investigation (SLWRI), the Project would increase the height of Shasta Dam by 18.5 feet and expand capacity of Shasta Lake by up to 634,000 acre feet.

Consistent with CEQA, the District issued a Notice of Preparation to develop the EIR on November 30, 2018, initiating a 30-day public comment (PRC §21091). To review a copy of the Notice of Preparation, visit https://wwd.ca.gov/. The District is asking for comments from Federal, Tribal, State, and local governments; special interest groups; and the public to help identify issues and concerns associated with the potential effects of implementing the Project. Written comments are due on or before 11:59 p.m., Friday, January 4, 2019.

The District is hosting an open house and public scoping meeting to provide the public with information on the Project and receive written scoping comments. The meeting will be held on:

• Wednesday, December 12, 2018, 5:00 – 7:00 PM – Hilltop Holiday Inn, Palomino Room, 1900 Hilltop Drive

The open house portion of the meeting will be from 5:00 - 5:30 pm. A presentation from Westlands regarding the Project and EIR will begin at 5:30 pm. Following the presentation, the open house will then resume until 7:00 PM.

Written comments can be submitted via the following methods:

• U.S. mail (postmarked by Jan. 4, 2019) or hand-delivery:

Shasta Dam Raise Project c/o: Stantec 3301 C Street, Suite 1900 Sacramento, CA 95816

• Email: shastadameir@stantec.com

The SLWRI was led by the Mid-Pacific Region of the Bureau of Reclamation and assessed a range of water supply and environmental improvements that could be realized through changes at Shasta Dam. These studies were conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, which culminated in transmittal of the SLWRI Final Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement to Congress in July 2015.

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For more information on SDRP visit https://wwd.ca.gov/

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