



Field Activity Advisory
Eastside Bypass Improvements Project
Removal of the Upper Weir
August 9 – August 13, 2021

As part of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program's Eastside Bypass Improvements Project, Reclamation will contract to remove the upper weir in the Eastside Bypass that is owned and operated by US Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Merced National Wildlife Refuge.

Who: Reclamations contractor will complete all components of the upper weir removal. Reclamation will have an on-site representative present during all construction activities.

What: A Reclamation contractor will remove the upper weir in the Eastside Bypass that is owned and operated by US Fish and Wildlife Service as part of the Merced National Wildlife Refuge. As no Restoration Flows are expected to be in the Eastside Bypass until October of this year, coffer dams are not expected to be required during the work due to the lack of flow in the Eastside Bypass. As needed, the contractor will install, maintain, and remove temporary de-watering devices to facilitate removal of piers and planking. In addition, the contractor will selectively saw-cut, remove and dispose of 11 reinforced concrete piers. The concrete abutments and slab will be left in place. Contractor will restore disturbed soil areas and install erosion control measures as required by permits to prevent loss of soil materials. All waste materials removed at the site will be recycled, reused, salvaged, or disposed of. No hazardous materials are anticipated to be encountered during this work.

When: Construction is expected to last approximately 1 week, August 9 – 13, 2021, and is allowed seven days per week between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. No nighttime work is allowed.

Where: Along the MESB within the MNWR upstream of W. Sandy Mush Road at the upper weir. See Figure A, below, for a map of the project area.

If you have questions about land access issues, please contact the SJRRP Landowner Coordinator, Craig Moyle, below. For questions about the project or the SJRRP, please contact program Public Affairs Specialist, Josh Newcom, below.

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Figure A

