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Field Activity Advisory

July and August 2011

This notice is to inform you that the San Joaquin River Restoration Program (SJRRP) plans to conduct biological resource field surveys in and around the San Joaquin River as part of the Mendota Pool Bypass and Reach 2B Improvements Project beginning July 17, 2011.

Who: URS Corporation and California Department of Water Resources

What: The biological surveys include focused surveys of small mammals and observations of wildlife habitat in the project area. The surveys may also note the presence of habitat for blunt-nosed leopard lizards, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, giant garter snake, Fresno kangaroo rat, and other special status plant and wildlife species and vegetation communities. Survey activities will involve one crew of up to six individuals surveying Reach 2B. The surveyors will access the survey area by vehicle and foot. Surveyors will set small mammal traps in transects through the identified survey area. Surveyors will walk the established transects every 3 hours and check small mammal traps. All small mammals captured will be identified, recorded, and rereleased. No significant physical activities (such as mechanical excavation) are required to complete the survey and no construction equipment will be used.

When: The surveys are scheduled to begin Sunday, July 17 and conclude Friday, July 22. However, unfavorable weather conditions (too hot or too cold) may require rescheduling the surveys anytime between July 10 and August 12, 2011. All surveys are planned to be conducted between dusk and dawn (approximately 5 p.m. and 8 a.m.), with the exception of the start and end days, when surveys may also occur during normal business hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. This schedule allows surveys to occur when small mammals are most active.

Where: The San Joaquin River from the Chowchilla Bifurcation downstream through the west loop where access is available by landowner permission.

If you have questions, please contact the SJRRP Landowner Coordinator, Craig Moyle. Craig's contact information is provided below.

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