



Cache Slough is an area of interest by the Department of Water Resources due to its appropriate topographical elevations for tidal wetlands restoration. The Department of Water Resources has been mandated to satisfy mitigation requirements of various State Water projects by creating habitat for endangered aquatic species such as the Delta and Longfin Smelt, Chinook Salmon and Green Sturgeon. The area is also of significant interest for flood risk reduction due to its location at the mouth of the Yolo Bypass and confluence of several tributaries that flow into the Sacramento River.

Several tidal wetland habitat restoration projects in the Cache Slough such as Prospect Island (1100 acres) and Lookout Slough (3400 acres), are currently in the environmental review phase of the permitting process, and Little Egbert (3500 acres) is anticipated to initiate the process in the near future. The project locations are shown on Exhibit D. Project status will be provided at the meeting.

The landscape change from agriculture to habitat restoration or floodway raises numerous issues such as the protecting the economic viability of agriculture in Cache Slough, loss of Prime Farmland, lands use compatibility between wildlife and adjacent agriculture, nuisances, management and maintenance of the lands, impacts to the transportation network, water quality and supply, introduction of additional recreational usage such as fishing or boating and other water oriented uses, and property tax revenue implications due to the change from private landownership to public lands. These concerns will be discussed at the meeting.

#### Attachments

Exhibit A - Cache Slough Region within Solano County

Exhibit B - Priority Habitat Restoration Areas in the Delta Plan

Exhibit C - Cache Slough Region within the Legal Delta

Exhibit D - Tidal Wetland Project Locations in Cache Slough