## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # _____**

**Project Title:** **Napa Plant Site Restoration Project**
Lead Agency: California Department of Fish Contact Person: Carl Wilcox
Street Address: 7329 Silverado Trail Phone: 707-944-5525
City: Napa Zip: 94558 County: Napa

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**Project Location:**
County: Napa City/Nearest Community: City of American Canyon, CA
Cross Streets: Green Island Road Zip Code: 94503 Total Acres: 1,400
Assessor's Parcel No. 058-010-001, 058-010-002, 058-010-003, 058-010-004, 058-010-005, 058-010-006, 058-020-001, 058-020-002, 058-020-003 Section: Unsectioned Twp: Range: Base: MDM
Within 2 Miles: Waterways: Napa River, Fagan Slough, Fagan Creek, No Name Creek
Airports: Napa County Airport Railways: Northwest Pacific Railroad, Southern Pacific Railroad
Schools: Napa Junction Elementary, Donaldson Way Elementary

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**Document Type:**
**CEQA:** **X** NOP ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.)_____ ☐ Early Cons ☐ Other _____ ☐ Neg Dec ☐ Draft EIR
**NEPA:** ☐ NOI ☐ EA ☐ Draft EIS ☐ FONSI
**Other:** ☐ Joint Document ☐ Final Document ☐ Other_____

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**Local Action Type:**
☐ General Plan Update ☐ Specific Plan ☐ Rezone ☐ Annexation
☐ General Plan Amendment ☐ Master Plan ☐ Prezone ☐ Redevelopment
☐ General Plan Element ☐ Planned Unit Development Use Permit ☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Community Plan ☐ Site Plan ☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)
☐ Other_____

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**Development Type:**
☐ Residential: *Units*_____ *Acres*_____
☐ Office: *Sq.ft.*_____ *Acres*_____ *Employees*_____
☐ Commercial: *Sq.ft.* _____ *Acres*_____ *Employees*_____
☐ Industrial: *Sq.ft.* _____ *Acres*_____ *Employees*_____
☐ Educational _____
☐ Recreational _____
☐ Water Facilities: *Type*
☐ Transportation: *Type*_____
☐ Mining: *Mineral*_____
☐ Power: *Type*_____*Watts*_____
☐ Waste Treatment: *Type*_____
☐ Hazardous Waste: *Type*_____
**X** Other _Wetland Restoration (1,400 acres)

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**Funding** (approx.): Federal $_____ State $_____ Total $_____

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**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**
☐ Aesthetic/Visual **X** Flood Plain/Flooding ☐ Schools/Universities **X** Water Quality
☐ Agricultural Land ☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard ☐ Septic System ☐ Water Supply/Groundwater
**X** Air Quality ☐ Geologic/Seismic ☐ Sewer Capacity **X** Wetland/Riparian
**X** Archeological/Historical **X** Minerals ☐ Soil Erosion/Compaction **X** Wildlife
☐ Coastal Zone **X** Noise ☐Solid Waste ☐ Growth Inducing
☐ Drainage/Absorption ☐ Population/Housing Balance **X**Toxic/Hazardous ☐ Land Use
☐ Economic/Jobs ☐ Public Services/Facilities ☐ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Cumulative Effects
☐ Fiscal **X** Recreation/Parks **X** Vegetation ☐ Other _____

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**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

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**Project Description:** The California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) is planning restoration of 1,400 acres of salt evaporations ponds and associated lands at the Napa Plant project site located in Napa County, California. DFG acquired the Napa Plant Site from Cargill Salt Co. (Cargill) in March 2003, as part of the larger State of California, federal and privately sponsored purchase of 16,500 acres of salt ponds in the San Francisco Bay estuary. As part of the purchase agreement, Cargill has the responsibility to reduce surface salt concentration to facilitate restoration. It is expected that this process will take up to 8 years, although some ponds may be available for restoration by 2007.

The Napa Plant Site Restoration (NPSR) project seeks to restore processes that will sustain a mosaic of tidal wetland and open water habitats. Restored tidal marsh at the site will provide habitat for flora and fauna that depend on these ecosystems for their survival. Marsh areas with extensive channel systems will provide habitat for fish and other aquatic life. The historic tidal channel network will guide selection of breach and major channel locations. Some ponds may remain as managed ponds and be enhanced to maximize their use as feeding and resting habitat for migratory shorebirds and waterfowl on the Pacific Flyway. Managed ponds may require new water control structures, levees and/or maintenance of existing infrastructure.

The NPSR project is situated in the floodplain of the Napa River. The planning and design of the project will be cognizant of potential synergies and impacts associated with large-scale restoration, including maintaining existing levels of flood protection for adjacent property and infrastructure; potential effects on the adjacent Napa County Airport; navigation and residential uses on the west side of the Napa River; and wildlife-oriented public access and recreation opportunities. Wildlife-oriented public access and recreation opportunities will be developed as part of the Restoration and Management Plan (RMP) for the project. Public uses are expected to include trails for biking and hiking, launching areas for canoes and kayaks, as well as hunting, angling, bird watching, and environmental education opportunities.

The project is also planning housing for DFG staff on Green Island, an upland section of the site, using existing structures. The project will not include any structural changes or use changes to the buildings on Green Island. A portion of the site access road may be relocated.

The 1,400-acre restoration project will be planned as a discrete unit. However, the site will be split into two units for post restoration management. DFG intends to manage the portion of the site north of the Northwest Pacific Railroad tracks as part of the Fagan Marsh Ecological Reserve and land south of the railroad tracks will be designated as the Green Island Unit of the Napa-Sonoma Marshes Wildlife Area. A monitoring plan will be developed to evaluate performance of restoration activities following their implementation.

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

**KEY**
**S =** Document sent by lead agency
**X =** Document sent by SCH
Π = Suggested distribution

_____**Resources Agency**
_____Boating & Waterways
_____Coastal Commission
_____Coastal Conservancy
_____Colorado River Board
_____Conservation
__X_Fish & Game
_____Forestry & Fire Protection
_X__Office of Historic Preservation
___ Parks & Recreation
_____Reclamation Board
__X__S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission
____ Water Resources (DWR)

**Business, Transportation & Housing**
__X__Aeronautics
_____California Highway Patrol
_____CALTRANS District #_____
_____Department of Transportation Planning (headquarters)
_____Housing & Community Development

_____**Food & Agriculture**

**Health & Welfare**
____Health Services (Drinking Water)

**State & Consumer Services**

**Environmental Protection Agency**
___ Air Resources Board
___ California Waste Management Board
_____ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
_____ SWRCB: Delta Unit
_____SWRCB: Water Quality
_____SWRCB: Water Rights
__X_ Regional WQCB # 2 (SF Bay Region)

**Youth & Adult Corrections**
_____Corrections

**Independent Commissions & Offices**
__Energy Commission
__Native American Heritage Commission
__Public Utilities Commission
____Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy
_ X_State Lands Commission
____Tahoe Regional Planning Agency

_____Other _____

_____General Services
_____OLA (Schools)

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**Public Review Period** (to be filled in by lead agency)
Starting Date: September 19, 2005 Ending Date: October, 21, 2005

Signature _____ Date: September 16, 2005

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