



## Department of Water Resources Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP)

### Dos Rios Ranch Acquisition

#### Public Hearing Summary of Comments

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A public hearing was held on 8/13/2010 to receive public comments related to the proposed funding agreement for the 1600-acre Dos Rios Ranch property acquisition located on the east side of the San Joaquin River and on the south side of the Tuolumne River where the two rivers intersect. Funds for the acquisition would come from the Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the Flood Protection Corridor Program (FPCP) from the Proposition 84 Bond Act approved by voters in November 2006. A summary of the comments received within the comment period including those submitted at the public hearing are provided below. Individuals' names have been excluded from this summary although affiliations are noted. People who commented were generally in support of the project and no opposition was expressed. Please contact Earl Nelson ([enelson@water.ca.gov](mailto:enelson@water.ca.gov)) for further information.

"I am 100% in favor of and happy to see public funding going toward this type of project. This project will provide meaningful benefits into the lives of locals and statewide residents." *Commenter 1*

"The State of California, Department of Water Resources, California Parks, etc. should do all that it can to protect and preserve any available land. The Central Valley needs more recreational opportunities for local children." *Commenter 2*

"My 93 year old father is happy about project...move fast because he wants to see it complete." *Commenter 3*

"Dos Rios is an example of the best kind of conservation. It will expand the flood corridor, providing flood protection to surrounding landowners...and provide critical habitat to valley species." *The Nature Conservancy*

"Dos Rios is a fabulous place for wildlife already because it is on the two rivers with even greater potential if managed for wildlife." *Stanislaus Audubon Society*

"The Tuolumne River is a special place. Kids in the valley don't have the natural resources and habitat opportunities to learn about the land they live on... if there is any way to buy this land in these tough economic times, do it. We strongly endorse." *Sierra Club*

"I am pleased to see that the Department of Water Resources is considering funding the Dos Rios ranch project. By providing room for rivers to do what they would naturally...we can achieve flood benefits in an environmentally friendly manner." *Tuolumne River Trust*

“The Dos Rios Restoration project presents an unprecedented opportunity...this will build upon existing nonstructural flood control efforts and is critical to the progression of the Lower Tuolumne River Parkway.” *East Stanislaus Resource Conservation District*

“Inclusion of the Dos Rios property in the Tuolumne River Parkway will significantly improve juvenile salmonid habitat and generally enhance wildlife habitat in the Tuolumne system. This project will continue a remarkably effective relationship working towards floodway management solutions that will reduce risk of flooding and benefit our state’s fisheries and other riparian resources.” *Fish and Wildlife Service*