NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECT FUNDING FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES FLOOD PROTECTION CORRIDOR GRANT PROGRAM

The State of California, Department of Water Resources (DWR) and River Partners invite comments from the public on a request from River Partners to DWR to provide additional grant funding through its existing DWR funded Dos Rios Ranch Phase 2 Project for the acquisition of the Hidden Valley Ranch property located south of Paradise Road and west of Shiloh Road, within Stanislaus County, along the San Joaquin River. The Hidden Valley Ranch property acquisition will help facilitate the future provision of flood benefits through transient floodwater attenuation and off-channel sediment deposition on flood-prone lands. The project site is accessed from Dos Rios Lane and is located within an unincorporated area of Stanislaus County (APNs 17-66-03 Center Point: Lat. 37.58312 N Long. -121.153543 W). The Hidden Valley Ranch property acquisition is scheduled to close on October 15, 2013.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 2:00 pm on Thursday, September 26, 2013, at the Modesto Police Station, 600 Tenth Street, Room 107, Modesto, California. All interested persons are invited to attend and express their views. Persons unable to attend should e-mail their comments, on or before 5:00 pm on October 3, 2013, to Itzia Rivera at <u>Itzia.Rivera@water.ca.gov</u>. Please include "Dos Rios Ranch Phase 2 Project Comment" in the subject line of the e-mail.

For questions or information regarding this project, please call River Partners, Mona Dagy, Executive Assistant at (530) 894-5401 ex.223; or Itzia Rivera, Environmental Scientist, at (916) 574-1044. Information about the funding source, DWR's Flood Corridor Program, is available on the FCP Internet web site at http://www.water.ca.gov/floodmgmt/fpo/sgb/fpcp/