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Mr. Dennis Mills  
Kings County Water District  
200 North Campus Drive  
Hanford, California 93230

**JULY 22 2019**

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal for the Esajian Basin,  
SCH2019069120  
Kings County

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Dear Mr. Mills:

The Division of Safety of Dams (DSOD) has reviewed the Notice of Completion and Environmental Document Transmittal for the Esajian Basin Project which discusses the construction of a new 75 acre-foot recharge basin.

Insufficient information is provided to determine if recharge basin is subject to State jurisdiction for dam safety. Therefore, the District needs to submit preliminary plans so that DSOD can make a jurisdictional determination.

As defined in sections 6002 and 6003, Division 3, of the California Water Code, dams 25 feet or higher with a storage capacity of more than 15 acre-feet, and dams higher than 6 feet with a storage capacity of greater than 50 acre-feet or more are subject to State jurisdiction. The dam height is the vertical distance measured from the maximum possible water storage level to the downstream toe of the barrier.

If the recharge basin is subject to State jurisdiction, a construction application, together with plans, specifications, and the appropriate filing fee must be filed with DSOD for this project. All dam safety related issues must be resolved prior to approval of the application, and the work must be performed under the direction of a Civil Engineer registered in California. Erik Malvick, our Design Engineering Branch Chief, is responsible for the application process and can be reached at (916) 565-7840.

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact, Area Engineer William Vogler at (916) 565-7828 or me at (916) 565-7827.

Sincerely,

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Ernie. M. Tapia, Acting Regional Engineer  
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Field Engineering Branch  
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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH# 2019069120

Project Title: Esajian Basin

Lead Agency: Kings County Water District Contact Person: Dennis Mills
Mailing Address: 200 N. Campus Drive Phone: 559-584-6412
City: Hanford Zip: 93230 County: Kings

Project Location: County: Kings City/Nearest Community: Hanford
Cross Streets: Excelsior Avenue and 7th Avenue Zip Code: 93290
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 41 ' " N / 119 ° 59 ' " W Total Acres: 80
Assessor's Parcel No.: 002-190-003 Section: 33 Twp.: 17S Range: 22E Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 43 Waterways: People's Ditch
Airports: Hanford Municipal Railways: Schools: Hardwick Elementary

Document Type:

CEQA: [ ] NOP [ ] Draft EIR NEPA: [ ] NOI Other: [ ] Joint Document
[ ] Early Cons [ ] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [ ] EA [ ] Final Document
[ ] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [ ] Draft EIS [ ] Other:
[ X ] Mit Neg Dec Other:

Local Action Type:

[ ] General Plan Update [ ] Specific Plan [ ] Rezone JUN 28 2019 [ ] 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.) [ X ] Other: None

Development Type:

[ ] Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Educational: \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_
[ ] Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD [ X ] Other: Recharge Basin

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[ X ] Aesthetic/Visual [ ] Fiscal [ X ] Recreation/Parks [ ] Vegetation
[ X ] Agricultural Land [ ] Flood Plain/Flooding [ X ] Schools/Universities [ X ] Water Quality
[ X ] Air Quality [ X ] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [ ] Septic Systems [ X ] Water Supply/Groundwater
[ X ] Archeological/Historical [ ] Geologic/Seismic [ X ] Sewer Capacity [ ] Wetland/Riparian
[ X ] Biological Resources [ X ] Minerals [ X ] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [ X ] Growth Inducement
[ ] Coastal Zone [ X ] Noise [ X ] Solid Waste [ X ] Land Use
[ ] Drainage/Absorption [ X ] Population/Housing Balance [ X ] Toxic/Hazardous [ X ] Cumulative Effects
[ ] Economic/Jobs [ X ] Public Services/Facilities [ X ] Traffic/Circulation [ ] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agricultural/AG20/General Agriculture

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Project area is 80 acres on the west side of 7th Avenue, between Dover and Excelsior Avenues in Kings County, CA (APN 002-190-003). Peoples Ditch currently runs from northeast to southwest through the eastern side of the property. The Project will include the development of a new 75-acre recharge basin and would realign Peoples Ditch in order to make the basin area more productive and manageable. The realignment of Peoples Ditch would require developing several associated control structures. SCADA may be involved in the modified control structures in Peoples Ditch as well as other operational improvements. New turnout facilities from Peoples Ditch will be developed to deliver water to the basin cells. Additionally, several groundwater monitoring facilities would be developed at the Project site.

State Clearinghouse Contact: (916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 6-28-2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 7-29-2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

- Resources: Boating & Waterways, Central Valley Flood Prot., Coastal Comm, Colorado Rvr Bd, Conservation, CDFW # 4, Cal Fire, Historic Preservation, Parks & Rec, Bay Cons & Dev Comm, DWR
Cal EPA: ARB: Airport & Freight, ARB: Transportation Projects, ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl. & Recovery, SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water, SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #, SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist., SWRCB: Wtr Quality, SWRCB: Wtr Rights, Reg. WQCB # 5F, Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
Yth/Adlt Corrections: Corrections
Independent Comm: Delta Protection Comm, Delta Stewardship Council, Energy Commission, NAHC, Public Utilities Comm, Santa Monica Bay Restoration, State Lands Comm, Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency, Conservancy
Other: Education, Food & Agriculture, HCD, OES, State/Consumer Svcs, General Services

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Please forward late comments directly to the Lead Agency

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