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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS, INITIAL STUDY/ MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, LINDSAY STRATHMORE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT- 2018, SCH 2019079041, TULARE COUNTY

On 17 July 2019, we received the Lindsay Strathmore Irrigation District's (District) request for comments on the Initial Study/proposed mitigated negative declaration for Pipeline Replacement Project- 2018 (Project). Our comments are presented below.

The Initial Study indicates the pipeline construction will require trenching within Lewis Creek, and the Aquatic Resources Delineation concluded that Lewis Creek would not be considered a water of the United States. Please be aware that federal non-jurisdictional drainages and associated wetlands are still considered waters of the State, subject to regulation by our agency under the California Water Code. Our agency has several permitting options to regulate activities in these water bodies, depending on the total area impacted. Work within Lewis Creek will require the District to submit an application to our agency.

We encourage the District to contact our office to discuss the permitting issues in more detail. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact me at (559) 445-6281 or by email at debra.mahnke@waterboards.ca.gov.

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