

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Pipeline Replacement Project - 2018

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Project Location: Community of Lindsay, Unincorporated Community of Strathmore Tulare
City County

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The Project consists of the installation of approximately 30,500 linear feet of 8-inch to 20-inch diameter water pipelines to replace old and leaking pipelines at seventeen (17) locations throughout the District including crossings of the Friant Kern Canal and Lewis Creek. The District is continuously repairing the leaking pipelines that are installed in and/or adjacent to County roads. All of the proposed Project features (pipelines, valves, and connections) will be located underground or will utilize existing bridge crossings. The Project also includes reconeciton of existing fire hydrants.

The pipeline will be located in the public right-of-way. The proposed alignments will cross the Friant Kern Canal, Lewis Creek and the San Joaquin Valley Railroad at a few locations.

Construction activities include excavation, pipe installation, backfill and surface restoration. Pipelines will cross the San Joaquin Valley Railroad by boring and Lewis Creek by trenching. The bore pits will be excavated, the bore will be accomplished, the pit will be backfilled and the surface restored. The footprint of the bore and jacking pit is estimated to be less than 20 feet wide and 40 feet long. The receiving pit will be of smaller dimensions. Pipeline crossings at the Friant Kern Canal will utilize existing or new pipeline crossing support systems attached to existing bridges.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Project will assist in the District's effort to efficiently deliver water to its customers. The Project will result in no adverse long term environmental impacts. Short-term construction related potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by use of construction specifications requiring proper and defined mitigation measures.

A biological reconnaissance filed survey was conducted in December, 2018 and January, 2019. In general, the biological evaluation determined that project impacts will be less than significant on the biological resources within the Project Area. The Report established mitigation measures associated with the San Joaquin Kit Fox, Swainson's Hawk, Loggerhead Shrike and other nesting raptors and migratory birds. Mitigation measures consist of avoidance, if possible, preconstruction surveys, construction buffers, monitoring and reporting and education efforts during construction. Biological oversight during construction is incorporated for the potential occurrence of these species on the Project site and the response to such occupancy.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

State Water Resources Control Board
Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
Tulare County Resources Management Agency
California Department of Fish and Wildlife
United States Bureau of Reclamation
San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District