



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

Agricultural cultivation in the eastern foothills of Stanislaus County, within which the project site is located, is supplied largely by groundwater, and has expanded considerably in the last 15 years, increasing local groundwater demand. Concern regarding the potential for declining groundwater levels as a result of agricultural expansion in this area is one of the factors that resulted in the County's adoption of the Groundwater Ordinance in 2014 that governs the permit being issued for the subject agricultural well. The requirements of the Groundwater Ordinance are intended to prevent unreasonable and significant adverse impacts to groundwater supplies and related impacts to surface water, groundwater dependent ecosystems and subsidence.

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

If nesting of a protected species is identified near the site, the California Department of Fish & Wildlife would be considered a trustee agency.