

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Water Resources
Division of Operations and Maintenance
1516 9th Street
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code

PROJECT TITLE: Long-Term Conveyance Contracts between Department of Water Resources, United States Bureau of Reclamation and the Cross Valley Contractors

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER(S): **SCH #2020100075**

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Lower Tule River Irrigation District
357 East Olive Avenue
Tipton, California 93272

PROJECT LOCATION: Fresno, Kern, Kings and Tulare Counties

I. Project Description

The project, as analyzed in the Environmental Impact Report, consists of two components:

1. The approval and execution of contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation and each Cross Valley Contractor that convert, pursuant to the WIIN Act, each Cross Valley Contractor's existing water supply contract for Central Valley Project (CVP) water to a repayment contract authorizing prepayment of outstanding CVP construction costs.
2. The approval and execution of contracts between the Bureau of Reclamation, Department of Water Resources (DWR) and each Cross Valley Contractor, that renew and update the terms of existing contracts for the conveyance of the Cross Valley Contractors' CVP water until 2035.

DWR's role in this project pertains to component two of the project description above.

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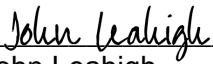
This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on February 23, 2022 and has made the following determinations:

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An EIR was prepared for this project by the Lead Agency (Lower Tule River Irrigation District) pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were not made a condition of the approval of this project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was not adopted for this project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were not made by DWR pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

The EIR is available for review at the office of Lower Tule River Irrigation District, 357 East Olive Avenue, Tipton, California 93272.

APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES



John Leahigh
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2/25/2022
Date