Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☒ Office of Planning and Research

U.S. Mail:
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Street Address:
1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of: Tulare
Address: 221 S. Mooney Blvd, Ste 105
Visalia, CA 93291

Lead

From: Applicant
Public Agency: Pixley Public Utility District
Address: PO Box 535
Pixley, CA 93256
Contact: Roger Ward, PPUD Board President
Phone: 559.757.3878

Lead Agency (if different from above):

Address:

Contact:
Phone:

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2021030616

Project Title: Pixley Public Utility District: Water Main Extension Project

Project Applicant: Pixley Public Utility District

Project Location (include county): Main Street, North Park Drive, East Court Avenue, Tulare County

Project Description:

See Attached.

FILED
TULARE COUNTY
MAY 06 2021
ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER
BY:

This is to advise that the Pixley Public Utility District (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on 5/3/2021 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☒ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
Pixley Public Utility District, 232 East Davis Avenue, Pixley, CA 93256

Signature (Public Agency): Roger Ward Title: President

Date: 5/3/2021 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

Revised 2011

Description of Project

Project Background and Purpose

The PPUD, a domestic water purveyor, proposes to construct the Water Main Extension Project (Project) to better serve the unincorporated community of Pixley, in Tulare County, California. The PPUD is the Project proponent and CEQA Lead Agency.

Currently the community is served by aging and under-sized-diameter water distribution system suffering from low water pressure issues; fire service capacity of the existing water main is non-existent due to the small pipeline sizes. The existing water distribution system only has three lines that cross State Route 99; an eight-inch (8-inch) line in Bradbury Avenue, a ten-inch (10-inch) line in Davis Avenue, and a 4-inch crossing near the proposed crossing location, north of Howard Avenue. This 4-inch line is the only line that serves the northeastern properties in the community and is not looped into the remainder of the system, further exacerbating pressure issues in particular, to this portion of the community.

Project Description

Based upon a Feasibility Study prepared by Provost & Pritchard in August of 2020, the Project would consist of the following improvements:

- A new 12-inch diameter pipeline crossing installed in a 24-inch diameter steel casing, in accordance with Caltrans Specifications under State Route 99 (SR 99), replacing an existing 4-inch pipeline crossing. Crossing will utilize jack & bore method. The existing 4-inch pipeline will be abandoned in place.
- Interconnection of this new 12-inch undercrossing pipeline to existing distribution pipelines west of SR 99, at Main Street and East Court Avenue, utilizing open trench method.
- A new 12-inch diameter water main installed east of SR 99 in North Park Drive replacing the existing 4-inch distribution line serving existing connections in the northeast area of Pixley. Installation will utilize open trench method.
- Interconnection of the new 12-inch main east of SR 99 to existing pipelines serving the eastern area of Pixley, at North Park Drive and East Howard Avenue, utilizing open trench method.

The interconnections of the new larger diameter crossing of State Route 99 would complete a "loop" which would allow for additional potable water supply reliability and reduce pressure issues which will benefit the water service.