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Project Title: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District Water System Improvement ProjectLead Agency: Palo Verde Union Elementary School DistrictContact Person: Phil Anderson, Interim SuperintendentMailing Address: 9637 Avenue 196, Tulare, CAPhone: (559) 688-0648City: _____ Zip: 93274-9529County: Tulare County**Project Location:** County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: City of TulareCross Streets: Avenue 196 to the north and Road 96 to the west Zip Code: 93274Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 144 ' 796 " N / -119 ° 355 ' 811 " W Total Acres: 0.25 acresAssessor's Parcel No.: 174-150-025Section: 34 Twp.: 20SRange: 24EBase: Mt DiabloWithin 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99Waterways: Elk Bayou DitchAirports: Mefford Field AirportRailways: NASchools: Palo Verde Union Elementary**Document Type:**

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Local Action Type:

General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation
 General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment
 General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit
 Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Authorization to Construct

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
 Educational: _____
 Recreational: _____
 Water Facilities: Type Water System Upgrade MGD 300
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral _____
 Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation
 Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality
 Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater
 Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian
 Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement
 Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use
 Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects
 Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: TCR

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:Exclusive Agriculture/AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture, 40-acre minimum parcel size)Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

Please see attached Project Description.

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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 16, 2021 Ending Date May 17, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group</u>	Applicant: <u>Palo Verde Union Elementary School District</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 4-1-21

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Description of Project

Project Background and Purpose

The school currently has two wells on site. One 80 gallons per minute (gpm) domestic well (Well No. 1), and a newer 200 gpm domestic well (Well No. 2). Well No. 1 does not produce enough water to meet the domestic, fire flow and irrigation needs of the school. Well No. 2 was drilled when the new gymnasium was being built in order to assist with fire flow and irrigation needs. Unfortunately, this well has been found to be contaminated and cannot be used for domestic water. It is currently used as back up for fire flow. The school is currently in the process of applying for a grant for a new domestic standard well that will meet the State standards for drinking water and fire flow. When this Project was originally undertaken a portion of the layout was different. Biological and cultural subconsultant assessments were completed in 2018 by Odell Planning and Research, Inc., and Sierra Valley Cultural Planning (under contract to Odell Planning and Research) but the CEQA document was never finished or adopted. The Project approach was updated in 2020 and a portion of the Project APE was outside of what the subconsultants originally assessed. Kleinfelder was hired in 2020 to provide supplemental assessments to the original biological and cultural assessments to include the portion of the Project site that was outside of the original survey area. Both the original assessments and the supplemental assessments are included in their respective appendices at the end of this document.

Project Description

The Project proposes to drill and construct a new domestic standard well (Well No. 3) for the school at the location illustrated in . The new well is expected to yield about 300 gpm. In addition to the construction of Well No. 3, the following items will also be constructed:

- A 10,000-gallon pressure tank. The pressure tank will measure approximately 20 feet in height and approximately 30 feet in diameter and will be located at the new well site.
- A gate valve with valve box
- Backflow preventer
- 15hp booster pump
- 6 ft high chain link fence around new well and appurtenant facilities, with a 30-ft wide double drive gate.
- 166 linear feet (LF) of new water distribution line (using open-trench method of construction installation)
- 500-LF of new irrigation main to all valve boxes from the well.

These Project components contained within the APE as defined above, are illustrated in [Error! Reference source not found.](#) In addition to constructing a well, associated infrastructure, and water pressure tank, the Project proposes to abandon the Well No. 1, per Tulare County standards and remove the associated existing 10,000 gal. water pressure tank, pump and electrical service.

Construction

Construction of the Project is anticipated to be completed within three months, which will include the demolition of Well No.1, drilling and installation of Well No. 3, construction of a water storage tank, booster pumps, and associated infrastructure, and connection to the existing distribution system. Construction equipment will likely include a drilling rig, excavator, graders, backhoes, skidsteers, loaders, and hauling trucks. The Project will involve approximately 0.25 acres of ground disturbance.

Generally, construction will occur between the hours of 7am and 5pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Post-construction activities will include system testing, commissioning, and site clean-up.

Construction will require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment. Staging areas will be located onsite.

Although construction is not expected to generate hazardous waste, field equipment used during construction has the potential to contain various hazardous materials such as diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, grease, solvents, adhesives, paints, and other petroleum-based products.

Operation and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance of the water system will continue to be performed by the school's existing maintenance staff.