

**CEQA ND/MND/EIR for Grant Projects
State Water Resources Control Board Environmental Clearance**

Agreement Number: D2112156
Recipient: Central California Irrigation District **County:** Stanislaus
Lead Agency: Central California Irrigation District

Project Title: Orestimba Creek Recharge and Recovery Project

Project Location (attach map, if applicable): Diversion structure at Orestimba Creek near the intersection of Stuhr Road and Bell Road; (another) diversion structure at Delta-Mendota Canal near Milepost 51.65L; basins near Orestimba Road and N37.322° W121.083°; and pipelines between these locations.

Purpose of the Project: Constructing a low impact development storm water runoff management project near the Delta-Mendota Canal to reduce pollutant load discharges to Orestimba Creek and the San Joaquin River.

Project Description: Capture and infiltrate stormwater flows from Orestimba Creek and flows from the Delta-Mendota Canal.

The Project includes (List major tasks): Construct recharge ponds, diversion structure, conveyance structures, and recovery wells.

Type of CEQA/NEPA Document: IS/ND IS/MND EIR EIR/EIS EIR/EA OTHER

Environmental Documents Included:

Biological evaluation, September 21, 2021.

Soil resource report for Stanislaus County, California, Western Part, November 9, 2021.

List of Permits:

CWA 401 permit from State Water Board.

CWA 404 permit from US Army Corps of Engineers.

Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement from California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP): Yes No

Date CEQA document approved by Lead Agency (if applicable): 03/03/22

Is the Project located in an area that contains traditional tribal lands? Yes No

If yes, was the appropriate California Native American tribe timely notified? Yes No

Statement of Overriding Considerations: Yes No

If Yes, list the impacts: N/A

There will be no impacts to water quality:

Date NOD filed with OPR: 03/10/22

Date FONSI or ROD made by NEPA Agency (if applicable): N/A

Mitigation Requirements (if applicable):

N/A

Findings:

1. Central California Irrigation District is the Lead Agency under CEQA for the Project.
2. Central California Irrigation District filed an NOD with the State Clearinghouse (No. 2022010548) on 03/10/22.
3. State Water Board staff reviewed and considered the environmental documents listed above and determined that the Project will not result in any significant adverse water quality impacts.
4. Are there additional findings? Yes No

If Yes, list the findings: N/A

State Water Board Concurrence:

X

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