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SCH #

Project Title: Orland-Artois Water District Annexation, Sphere of Influence Update, and Infrastructure Project

Lead Agency: Orland-Artois Water District Contact Person: Emil Cavagnolo
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 City: Orland Zip: 95963 County: Glenn

Project Location: County: Glenn City/Nearest Community: Orland

Cross Streets: see attached Project Description for details below Zip Code: 95963

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ° ' " N / ° ' " W Total Acres:

Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:

Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

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Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Water Delivery Infrastructure</u> |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> Employees <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> Employees <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type <u> </u> MW <u> </u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. <u> </u> Acres <u> </u> Employees <u> </u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type <u> </u> MGD <u> </u> |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: <u> </u> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Annexation, Spere of Influence Update, and Infrastructure</u> |
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Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous | <input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u> </u> |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See attached Project Description

Project Description: *(please use a separate page if necessary)*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

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

Starting Date October 14, 2023 Ending Date November 14, 2023

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 10/12/23

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

PROJECT BACKGROUND

Project Title

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Lead Agency Name and Address

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Project Location

The Project is located in Glenn County, California, approximately 78 miles northwest of Sacramento and 55 miles south of Redding.

General Plan Designation and Zoning

Due to the Project's large scope, Project lands contain various general plan land use and zoning designations.

Note: Due to the Glenn County General Plan update that was completed in July 2023, updated GIS shapefiles representing the updates and changes in land use designation across the County are currently not available. However, updated data is actively being pursued and should be available upon request during the 30-day review period by contacting the person(s) identified in the Notice of Intent. In addition, once available, the updated General Plan Land Use designation map for the Project area will be uploaded to the State Clearinghouse in the same location that this IS/MND for public review once it is available.

Description of Project

Project Background and Purpose

The District is a United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) water contractor within the Sacramento Division of the Central Valley Project (CVP) in California. The District was formed in 1954 and began water

deliveries in 1977. The District currently serves approximately 29,000 acres using 110 miles of pipeline and over three hundred (300) metered deliveries in the Orland and Artois area within the Sacramento Valley. The District receives water from eight diversions located off the CVP Tehama-Colusa Canal (TCC). The TCC commences as a diversion from the Sacramento River in Red Bluff and ends in Dunnigan, about 120 miles south. The District has a contract with Reclamation for 53,000 acre-feet (AF) of water annually. The amount of water received via the contract can be reduced depending on water availability. While the District does deliver a small amount of municipal and industrial water to users within its service area, the District water is used primarily for agricultural irrigation purposes.

A group of landowners in the vicinity of the District are seeking annexation of approximately 11,000 acres (lands) into the District boundary to receive supplemental surface water for agricultural purposes. Currently, these lands do not have access to surface water, and thus the crop demand is being met through pumped groundwater. The proposed annexed lands are primarily located in areas surrounded by District lands. All proposed annexed lands are currently farmed, and the annexation would not result in newly established farmed lands.

The proposed Project includes the annexation of approximately 100 parcels into the District boundary. To support the annexation, the proposed Project also includes a Sphere of Influence (SOI) integrating the subject parcels within the SOI of the District. The proposed SOI update and annexation for OAWD would not be growth inducing as OAWD will only provide water for agricultural purposes to existing agricultural parcels. The Glenn Local Agency Formation Commission (Glenn LAFCO) is the approving agency for the proposed annexation and SOI update and is a responsible agency with regards to this environmental review pursuant to the CEQA.

To comply with the California Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) requirements, acquired and delivered surface water will prove to be a vital supplement to existing groundwater supplies.

The proposed annexed lands would be categorized as subordinate lands and would have secondary access to certain District CVP supplies based on availability. Some of the proposed annexed lands are on the periphery of the District service area and would need new infrastructure to receive water. Said infrastructure would include new diversions off the TCC and subsequent water conveyance pipelines and metered farm turnouts.

Project Description

As discussed above, the proposed Project includes annexation of 11,000 acres into the District boundary. To accomplish the annexation, the District, on behalf of the proposed annexed landowners, would apply to the Glenn LAFCO.

The proposed Project would also include infrastructure needed to deliver water to the newly annexed parcels. The infrastructure components would include seven (7) turnouts (with pumps) on the TCC; twenty-four (24) new farm turnout locations; two (2) new pump stations (approximate capacity of 30 cubic-feet-per-second) added to existing pipelines; and approximately eight (8) miles of new pipeline.

Designed facility capacities are based on projected peak demands and available topographical information. The proposed infrastructure would be constructed on either newly annexed private landowners' property, existing District landowners' property, Reclamation land adjacent to the TCC, on other private lands, and adjacent to and across several Glenn County roads. Spoils from infrastructure excavations would be managed on site and used as pipe backfill. No spoil material will be exported. The pipeline diameter would range from eight (8) to thirty (30) inches. Steel casing pipe may be used in areas where the exposed pipe passes through the TCC bank. Steel casing pipe diameter would be thirty (30) inches or smaller.

The maximum depth of ground disturbance for pipelines and farm turnouts would be nine (9) feet, while the booster pump stations would have a maximum depth of eighteen (18) feet. Each construction area would contain temporary staging areas for construction equipment lay-down.

Annexed lands will be considered Class 2 District users with the existing Class 1 District users taking precedence with respect to CVP District contracted water supplies.

Construction Schedule

Construction is anticipated to last approximately 21 months, taking place between August 2024 and April 2026.

Equipment

Vehicles and equipment required for construction include, but are not limited to, excavators, trucks, concrete trucks, cranes, and miscellaneous equipment (e.g., pneumatic tools, generators, and portable air compressors).

Operation and Maintenance

The operation and maintenance (O&M) of the Project would be consistent with that of the District's other similar facilities. O&M would take place on an as-needed basis in the event that facilities are damaged or otherwise not operating as intended.