

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH # 2023120577

Project Title: Sandridge Irrigation Pipeline Extension Project

Lead Agency: Stratford Public Utility District Contact Person: Caryn Larson, Office Manager
 Mailing Address: 19681 Railroad Street Phone: (559) 947-3037
 City: Stratford (Census Designated Place) Zip: 93266 County: Kings

Project Location: County: Kings City/Nearest Community: Stratford

Cross Streets: Kent Ave, Kansas Ave, King Ave, Lansing Ave, Laurel Ave, Lincoln Ave, 20 1/2 Ave Zip Code: 93266

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 10 ' 41.53" N / 119 ° 49 ' 32.92" W Total Acres: 9

Assessor's Parcel No.: See attached Section: 4, 9, 23, 28 Twp.: 19S/20S Range: 20E Base: M.D.B.M.

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 41 Waterways: Kings River, Tulare Lake Canal, Blakely Canal, Empire Canal, Stratford Canal
 Airports: Newton Field Airport Railways: N/A Schools: Stratford Elementary School

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
 Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) _____ Draft EIS Other: _____
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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: Easement Grant

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type Irrigation pipeline MGD 20.4 Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See attached

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

See attached

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional Water Control Board # 5F |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <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 June 12, 2024 Ending Date July 26, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Environmental Science Associates</u>	Applicant: <u>Sandridge Partners LP</u>
Address: <u>2600 Capitol Avenue, Suite 200</u>	Address: <u>960 San Antonio Road, Suite 114</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Sacramento, CA 95816</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Los Altos, CA 94022-1346</u>
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Phone: <u>(916) 564-4500</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ Date: 06/10/2024

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

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026230007000, 026230009000, 026050012000, 026230013000, 026230018000, 026230004000, 026230008000, 026230016000, 026132013000, 026132019000, 026132020000, 026132010000, 026190030000, 026132036000, 026161003000, 026161002000, 026120014000, 026100017000, 026050018000, 024180021000, 024180010000

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

GPLU (2035): Agriculture Open Space

Stratford Community Plan Land Use (2015): Limited Agriculture, Reserve Multiple Commercial, Reserve Medium Density, Reserve Mixed Use, Public, Open Space, Downtown Mixed Use

Zoning: AG20, AG40, MU-D, R-1-20, A-JR

Project Description: The proposed project encompasses construction of an approximately 5.5-mile long, underground 48-inch irrigation water pipeline that would connect to and from existing Sandridge water distribution systems and replace existing open irrigation ditches. The proposed project includes segments that are both constructed (approximately 3.2 miles) and yet to be constructed (approximately 2.3 miles); these segments collectively comprise the proposed project (approximately 5.5 total miles of pipeline).

New construction would involve the installation of a 48-inch diameter HDPE pipeline approximately 200 feet across the Tulare Lake Canal, controlled by Tulare Lake Canal Company (TLCC) and accessed on Sandridge-owned land with a 120-foot right-of-way held by TLCC for the canal. The pipeline would be installed approximately 4 feet below the channel of the Tulare Lake Canal. The pipeline is designed so that when installation of the pipeline and restoration of the canal is complete, the pipeline would not interfere with the canal's transportation of water or otherwise affect the integrity of the earthen canal.

New construction would also involve the replacement of approximately 2.3 miles of existing canal that experiences significant water loss due to evaporation on Sandridge-owned land located north of Kent Avenue and south of Jersey Avenue near Stratford to State Route 41. Installation of the new pipeline would require crossings under Kent Avenue, Kansas Avenue, and State Route 41. The pipeline would be installed at a depth of approximately 3.5 to 4 feet below the surface.

The previously constructed sections of the proposed project encompass approximately 2.4 miles of underground 48-inch diameter HDPE pipeline installed at a depth of approximately 3.5 to 4 feet below the surface of the existing canal between State Route 41 and the north side of the Tulare Lake Canal, as well as approximately 0.8 mile of 48-inch diameter HDPE pipeline installed below the existing canal from the south side of the Tulare Lake Canal to Blakely Canal.

Operation of the proposed project would involve the transport of groundwater supplies from seven existing Sandridge groundwater wells located north of Stratford (in addition to any residual runoff that flows into the open sections of Sandridge irrigation canals) to irrigate approximately 3,200 acres of

existing Sandridge-owned farmlands located in the vicinity of Stratford within Kings County. Any residual water in the pipeline after the irrigation season would be released into Blakely Canal. The proposed project would not result in an increase in groundwater pumping or surface water use and would result in the availability of additional irrigation water supply relative to existing conditions as a result of reduced water loss due to soil percolation and evaporation. It is not proposed that the additional water be used to expand operations for either Sandridge or other farms.