

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir Storage Program Project

Lead Agency: San Luis Water District Contact Person: Steven Stadler
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 City: Los Banos Zip: 93635 County: Merced

Project Location: County: Merced City/Nearest Community: Los Banos
 Cross Streets: see attached project description for details Zip Code: 93635

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: _____
 Assessor's Parcel No.: See attached project description Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
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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 type="checkbox"/> Annexation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment |
| <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>Reservoir Storage Program</u> |

Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type <u>Reservoir Storage Program</u> MGD _____ | |

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical | <input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity | <input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement |
| <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>Tribal Cultural</u> |

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Existing Reservoir Area and Fallow Land/Zoned A-2/Grazing Land

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

See attached Project Description

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input checked="" 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.
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<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 type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>APCD</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date January 19, 2024 Ending Date February 20, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Project Description

The Project proposes to operate the Los Banos Creek Detention Dam (LBCDD) in the spring to route natural Los Banos Creek (LBC) flows to riparian lands downstream of the facility, making space available for storage. The Project includes installation, maintenance, and operation of new facilities that would convey non-LBC water for storage in the Los Banos Creek Detention Reservoir (Reservoir). To convey the Project Participants' water to the Reservoir, a pipeline would be constructed from an existing San Luis Water District (SLWD) pump station lateral to the Reservoir. In addition to the proposed pipeline, the Project would include the following:

- Enlarge existing Turnout 9-1 pipeline connection,
- A filter (fish screen) with backwash system at SLWD Lateral 9 Turnout 9-1 connection point into an existing stock water pond,
- A pipeline and appurtenances varying in size from 30-inch to 48-inch in diameter,
- Water control valve(s) at engineered location(s),
- Below-ground crossings of three existing 20-foot-wide roads with 3 feet of cover,
- A water flow energy dissipation flare at the Reservoir discharge location, and
- Removable weights placed at various locations on the ground along the pipe to keep it from rolling (if pipe is placed above ground).
- Construction of a box culvert,
- Construction of a boat ramp extension.

The Project would also alter existing Reservoir operations to allow for Project Participant water supply storage and beneficial release; routing natural LBC flows to riparian lands for irrigation and refuge use downstream of the facility making space available for storage in the spring, pumping Project Participant water supplies into the LBCDR available storage (Project); and releasing Project Participant water supplies into the LBC for re-diversion and beneficial uses by Project Participants.