

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2024051211**

**Project Title:** Friant-Kern Canal Pump-Back Project

Lead Agency: Friant Water Authority

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County: Tulare

**Project Location:** County: Multiple - see project description City/Nearest Community: Multiple - see project description

Cross Streets: N/A

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 43 ' 31 " N / 119 ° 10 ' 56 " W Total Acres: N/A

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A

Section: \_\_\_\_\_

Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_

Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99

Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_

Railways: \_\_\_\_\_

Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

## Document Type:

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR  Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early Cons  Neg Dec  Mit Neg Dec  
NEPA:  NOI  EA  Draft EIS  FONSI  
Other:  Joint Document  Final Document  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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: EIR

## 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 Canal MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agricultural

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

The Friant-Kern Canal Pump-Back Project proposes facilitating the recirculation of recaptured Restoration Flows released from Millerton Lake for the San Joaquin River Restoration Program and other waters obtained by Friant Division Contractors to increase operational flexibility and long-term reliability of the water supplies conveyed through the Friant-Kern Canal (FKC). Friant Water Authority (FWA) proposes to increase flexibility and reliability by constructing three new permanent pump-back facilities along the FKC with a 500 cfs facility at the Shafter-Wasco check structure, a 250 cfs facility at the Lake Woollomes check structure, and a 250 cfs facility at the Deer Creek check structure (proposed project). In addition to the proposed project, the Draft EIR evaluates a 1) Low Flow Alternative, which consists of constructing three new permanent pump-back facilities along the FKC with a 200 cfs facility at the Shafter-Wasco check structure, a 75 cfs facility at the Lake Woollomes check structure, and a 75 cfs facility at the Deer Creek check structure and a 2) Seasonal Alternative, which would install and operate seasonal pump-back facilities at Shafter-Wasco check structure (up to 200 cfs) and Lake Woollomes check structure (up to 75 cfs) replacing the existing temporary facilities. The pump-back facilities are located in Kern and Tulare counties. Project effects from changes in operations could also occur in Fresno, Merced, and Madera counties.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency           | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of                         |
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### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 9, 2024 Ending Date November 25, 2024

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: October 4, 2024

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