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SCH #

Project Title: Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company Flood Capture Basin Project

Lead Agency: East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency Contact Person: Michael Hagman
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 City: Lindsay Zip: 93247 County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Eastern Tulare City/Nearest Community: Woodlake
 Cross Streets: see attached Project Description Zip Code: _____
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 24 ' 15.74 " N / 119 ° 6 ' 20.47 " W Total Acres: 27
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 060-160-003 and 060-160-058 Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: NOP Draft EIR NEPA: NOI Other: Joint Document
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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: Flood Capture Basin

Development Type:

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

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: TCR

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

See attached Project Description

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

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

Starting Date September 11, 2024 Ending Date October 11, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group</u>	Applicant: <u>Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company</u>
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City/State/Zip: <u>Clovis/California/93611</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Woodlake, CA 93286</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ Date: 9.10.2024

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

Project Location

The Project site is located in Tulare County outside of the city limits of the City of Woodlake due west of Bravo Lake and adjacent to Wutchumna Ditch and is approximately 197 miles southwest of Sacramento and 71 miles north of Bakersfield. The Project site is approximately 27 acres and is located on Assessor's Parcel Number(s) 060-160-003 and 060-160-058. The centroid of the Project site is 36°24'15.74"N, 119° 6'20.47"W.

Description of Project

Project Background and Purpose

Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company (SBMWC) has received funding through the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to construct a multi-cell flood capture basin (Project). The funding will allow the SBMWC to construct several basin cells that would allow for approximately 80-acre-feet of storage. This Project would increase the flood water capture/storage capacity for the City of Woodlake which in recent years has suffered heavy damages, the storm season of Winter 2023 being a prime example. Flood hazards in the area are further exacerbated by the lack of a Flood Control District in Woodlake, making this type of Project vital for the city and surrounding area.

Project Description

The Project is located in Woodlake, Tulare County. The Project would entail constructing a new multi-cell flood water capture basin on an approximate 27-acre site and connecting to existing infrastructure. The proposed basin Project would capture high flows during flood periods primarily from the Kaweah River through the Wutchumna Ditch. The Project would consist of the construction of a cells excavated to an approximate depth of 6' below existing grade, and the basins would have the capacity to store approximately 50 acre-feet (AF) of water. The Project will also include a new turnout structure within Wutchumna Ditch to divert water into the proposed basin cells. The turnout structure will connect to a basin inlet structure through 120 LF of piping, equipped with a metered connection and rip rap. The turnout structure will be located northwest of the proposed basin cells along the south bank of the existing ditch. Three interbasin connection structures will also be constructed to connect the proposed cells, each connection will be equipped with two structures, rip rap and approximately 50 LF of piping. A basin outlet connection will also be incorporated through the construction of a basin outlet structure, equipped with approximately 45 LF of piping and rip rap. The basin outlet pipeline will terminate at an existing control box operated by SBMWC. In the future when water is available, SBMWC will set a temporary sump pump in the outlet pipeline to pump into the existing standpipe for delivering the flood water to their existing system..

Construction activities will include excavating to an approximate depth of 6' below existing grade with a basin cut of approximately 90,000 cubic yards. The Project will also include three stockpile locations to store excess dirt on site. Over time, the basin footprint may grow as additional dirt is removed from the stockpiles on site and that area could be utilized for additional storage volume. Once initial excavation is completed the basins will be graded and constructed as per design specifications.

Through these improvements the project is anticipated to capture 30 AF/y of flood waters. This estimate assumes that the basin cells developed will provide 50 AF of volume. During wet years it is assumed the

cells will completely fill and empty approximately three (3) times providing for 150 AF in those years. Estimating two (2) wet years in 10 years, the average annual is 30 AF/y.

Construction Schedule

Construction activity for the Project is anticipated to be completed over approximately 4-6 months, beginning in Fall of 2024 (estimated December) and ending by May of 2025. The Project includes mobilization, site preparation, earthwork and structures placement; turnout structures, interbasin and basin outlet structures. After construction completion, performance testing and demobilization would occur.

Equipment

Construction equipment will likely include the following equipment used during construction:

- Excavators,
- Backhoes,
- Graders,
- Skid steers,
- Loaders,
- Hauling trucks,
- Scrapers,
- D9 dozer,
- Large tractor and large discing unit,
- Water trucks supplying water for dust control and conditioning soil for compaction, and
- Large watercannon and hoses.

Post-construction activities will include system testing, commissioning, and site clean-up. Construction will require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment. Staging areas will be located onsite.

Operation and Maintenance

Operation and maintenance of the stormwater capture basin will be performed by SBMWC existing maintenance staff.

Site and Surrounding Land Uses and Setting

Table 1: Existing Uses, General Plan Designation, & Zone Districts of Surrounding Properties

Direction from Project Site	Existing Use	General Plan Designation	Zone District
NORTH	Basin	Industrial	PF (Public Facilities)
EAST	Residential	Low Density Residential	R-L (Low Density Res)
SOUTH	Municipal Airport	Public Facilities	PF
WEST	Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)	Public Facilities	PF