



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2024 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/24) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER: E202410000284
STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (if applicable) 2024100182

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 11/21/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING FRESNO COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER E202410000284	

PROJECT TITLE
LATERAL 7R PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME WETSLANDS WATER DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL BSCHOLARS@PPENG.COM	PHONE NUMBER (559) 224-1523
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 286 W CROMWELL AVE	CITY FRESNO	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 93711

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$4,051.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,916.75	\$	<u>2,916.75</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,377.25	\$	<u>0.00</u>


- Exempt from fee
 Notice of Exemption (attach)
 CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
 Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	<u>0.00</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee	\$50.00	\$	<u>50.00</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	<u>0.00</u>

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
 Credit
 Check
 Other 051863

TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 2,966.75

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Pricilla Gonzalez Deputy Clerk
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County of Fresno
Clerk's Office
James A. Kus

Elections Department
(559) 600-8683

Clerk Services Department
(559) 600-2575

Finalization 2024021436
11/21/2024 02:59 PM
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Description	Fee
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EIR - Negative Declaration	
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Time Recorded: 2:59 PM

Recording Fee: No Fee

Total Amount Due	\$0.00
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Total Paid

Amount Due \$0.00

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Finalization 2024021437
11/21/2024 03:00 PM
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Description	Fee
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EIR - Negative Declaration

Time Recorded: 3:00 PM

Recording Fee: \$2,916.75

Total Amount Due \$2,916.75

Total Paid

Check Tendered \$2,916.7
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Amount Due \$0.00

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Finalization 2024021438
11/21/2024 03:00 PM
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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded: 3:00 PM	
Recording Fee:	\$50.00
Total Amount Due	\$50.00
Total Paid	
Check Tendered	\$50.00
#051863	
Amount Due	\$0.00

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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044 Sacramento, CA 95812-3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Fresno
Address: 2221 Kern Street Fresno, CA 93721

From:

Public Agency: Westlands Water District
Address: 286 W Cromwell Ave Fresno, CA 93711
Contact: Kelly Vandergon, P.E., CP2
Phone: 559-224-1523

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Westlands Water District
Address: 286 W Cromwell Ave Fresno, CA 93711
Contact: Kelly Vandergon, P.E., CP2
Phone: 559-224-1523

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2024100182

Project Title: Lateral 7R Pipeline Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Westlands Water District

Project Location (include county): Fresno

Project Description:

See attached Project Description.

FILED
NOV 21 2024
3:00pm
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By [Signature] DEPUTY

This is to advise that the Westlands Water District has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 11/19/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Westlands Water District, District Office - located at 286 W. Cromwell Ave, Fresno, CA 93711

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Director of O&M

Date: 11-20-24 Date Received for filing at OPR:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

PROJECT NAME

Lateral 7R Pipeline Replacement Project

LEAD AGENCY NAME AND ADDRESS

Westlands Water District
286 W Cromwell Ave
Fresno, CA 93711

CONTACT PERSON AND PHONE NUMBER

Kelly Vandergon, P.E., CP2
Director of Operations and Maintenance
559-884-2523 ext. 107 office

PROJECT LOCATION

The Project is located in western Fresno County, along the West Dinuba Avenue alignment both east and west of Interstate 5 (I-5) and west of State Route (SR) 33. It may be found on the Monocline Ridge United States Geological Survey (USGS) 7.5-minute quadrangle, in Sections 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 33, and 35 of Township 15 South, Range 13 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian. The centroid for the Project is 36.590 N, 120.558 W.

See table below for list of potentially affected Assessor's Parcels:

Assessor's Parcel Numbers			
027-171-04ST	027-171-40S	027-171-82S	027-180-68
027-171-05S	027-171-42	027-180-02S	027-180-69
027-171-08S	027-171-43S	027-180-07S	027-180-70
027-171-10S	027-171-44S	027-180-09S	027-180-85S
027-171-20S	027-171-79S	027-180-10S	027-180-86S
027-171-25S	027-171-80S	027-180-55ST	
027-171-39ST	027-171-81S	027-180-67	

GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION AND ZONING

Table Error! No text of specified style in document.-1: General Plan & Zoning Designation for Project Area

Project Area	General Plan Designation	Zoning District
ONSITE	Westside Rangeland	AE20 - Exclusive Agricultural, AE40 - Exclusive Agricultural
ADJACENT LANDS	Agriculture	AE20 - Exclusive Agricultural, AE40 - Exclusive Agricultural

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed Project would involve the replacement and relocation of an approximately 4.2-mile-long segment of the WWD Lateral 7R, with delivery tie-ins and connections to two District reservoirs at existing pumping plant facilities. The pipeline will be installed across the I-5 transportation corridor and associated California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) right-of-way using jack-and-bore methods. Staging areas will be located onsite and adjacent to proposed pipeline within the Area of Potential Effect (APE). The APE identified for biological and cultural surveys is approximately 50 acres.

The Project will replace an approximately 4.2-mile segment of the Lateral 7R, from STA. 109+81.60 to 212+88.30 and STA. 215+00.00 to 333+92.63. The existing mortar-lined steel pipe will be replaced with an equivalent size and class of High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) pipe.

Dimensions of the existing pipe to be replaced are as follows:

- *2,660 linear feet (+-) of 42-inch diameter*
- *7,650 linear feet (+-) of 39-inch diameter*
- *2,180 linear feet (+-) of 36-inch diameter*
- *6,050 linear feet (+-) of 33-inch diameter*
- *3,660 linear feet (+-) of 30-inch diameter*

Dimensions of the replacement pipe are as follows:

- *13,943 linear feet (+-) of 48-inch diameter*
- *5,038 linear feet (+-) of 42-inch diameter*
- *3,674 linear feet (+-) of 36-inch diameter*

Pipeline replacement will entail using primarily open cut methods to install the new pipe parallel to the existing pipe. This will allow the existing pipe to remain in service during most of the construction window. While the existing pipeline travels through the landowner's farmable ground, the new alignment will be confined to existing dirt roads. Relocation of the pipeline alignment will require the acquisition of additional easements (four new easements across six Assessor's Parcel Numbers). The new lateral will be constructed to a depth meeting the requirements of the new and existing easements, while minimizing construction costs and avoiding existing utilities including multiple gas and petroleum transmission mains.

Where the proposed alignment crosses Tumey Gulch, appropriate ingress and egress will need to be provided before open cut trenching can occur. First, vegetation and debris will be cleared from a 35- to 40-foot-wide corridor centered on the proposed pipeline location. Next, an excavator will be used to remove excess overburden from the trenching route, digging a path 14 to 16 feet wide and approximately 6 feet over the top of the proposed pipeline. The excavator would then be used to dig the trench for the pipe, following which the pipe would be placed (minimum depth of 6 feet below pre-project grade), backfilled, and compacted. Following pipeline installation across Tumey Gulch, the removed overburden will be returned to the trenching route, and the bed and banks of the gulch will be returned to pre-project contours to the maximum extent feasible.

Where the proposed pipeline crosses Interstate 5 and the associated Caltrans right-of-way (ROW), jack and bore methods will be used to first install a new 66-inch steel casing under the ROW, following which the new 42-inch HDPE water main (carrier pipe) will be pulled through the casing.

In addition to the pipeline replacement, nine delivery tie-ins up to and including the dresser coupling, and eight subline connections including the respective subline valves will be made. Additionally, the new pipeline will be connected into the inlet structure of the existing reservoirs at two separate pumping plants; these are identified as Reservoir 7R-B (Pumping Plant 7R-C) and Reservoir 7R-C (Pumping Plant 7R-D).

Since the pipeline being replaced is a Federally owned but operated and maintained by Westlands and since WWD is acquiring new easements on USBR behalf, USBR will need to take action for the modification to the facility and transfer of the easements from WWD to USBR.

Following construction, the existing pipe will be abandoned in place and filled with a two-sack cement slurry to prevent collapse in the future as the pipe material degrades.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Construction will occur over approximately 12 months between March 2025 through March 2026. Generally, construction will occur between the hours of 7am and 5pm, Monday through Friday, excluding weekends and holidays.

EQUIPMENT

Construction equipment will likely include excavators, backhoes, bulldozer, boring machine, and generators to be used in construction to power construction equipment, but no long-term generators will be needed. Post-construction activities will include 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 replacement pipeline will be performed by the District as it is now for the existing pipeline.