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Notice of Determination

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From: **Lead Agency & Applicant**

Public Agency: City of Visalia
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Visalia, California 93291
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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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): 2024100477

Project Title: Cameron Creek Linear Recharge Project

Project Applicant: City of Visalia, 315 East Acequia Avenue, Visalia, California 93291

Project Location (include county): Visalia, Tulare County

Project Description:

See attached Project Description

This is to advise that the City of Visalia has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 11/18/2024 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

1. The project [will 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 were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were were not] 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:

City of Visalia, Community Development Department, 315 East Acequia Ave, Visalia, California 93291

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Principal Planner / Environmental Coordinator

Date: 11/19/2024 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Project Description

Project Title

Cameron Creek Linear Recharge Project

Project Location

The Project is located in Tulare County just outside of the southeastern quadrant of the City of Visalia, approximately 200 miles southeast of Sacramento and 62 miles north of Bakersfield. The centroid of the Project area is 36° 18' 24.19" N, 119° 15' 01.48" W.

General Plan Designation and Zoning

The Project area itself does not have a General Plan or Zoning designation as it consists of the existing Cameron Creek channel. Lands surrounding Cameron Creek contain both County of Tulare and the City of Visalia designations.

Project Description

The proposed Project proposes to construct up to three (3) reinforced concrete check structure facilities within the Cameron Creek channel. All check structures would be equipped with control gates and weir boards capable of passing high flows (250 cubic feet per second) while maintaining high water levels in the channel making Cameron Creek a linear recharge basin. The section of the Cameron Creek to be utilized begins near the start of Cameron Creek where it diverts from TID's Main Intake Canal east of Road 156, with the end location northeast of the Lovers Lane and Caldwell Avenue intersection.

For each check structure, it is anticipated that excavation through the creek channel and embankment would reach approximately 65 feet horizontally at a depth of about 10 feet from channel top (excavation from channel bottom will likely only 3-4 feet). Excavation for construction will be minimal and would only be the amount necessary for constructing the structures. Once completed, excavated soil would be backfilled around the structure and the channel prism re-graded to match existing conditions. No material export is anticipated, and earthwork would be balanced on site.

The Area of Potential Effect contains a total of 14 acres. This includes the proposed Project construction areas and an additional 25-foot buffer surrounding the proposed Project site.

Construction Schedule

The Project is anticipated to be constructed within approximately four months, beginning in September of 2025. Generally, construction would occur between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays. Construction would require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment onsite. Post-construction activities would include system testing, commissioning, site clean-up, and then operation.

Equipment

Construction equipment will likely include excavators, backhoes, graders, skid steers, loaders, water trucks, concrete trucks, and hauling trucks. Construction equipment used as a part of the Project would be Clean Fleet, Tier 4 equipment. Post-construction activities will include system testing, commissioning, and site clean-up. Construction will require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment located at each site. The post-construction activities will largely be handled via pick-up trucks.

Operation and Maintenance

This Project would be operated in coordination with TID. Under a pending agreement, TID would take over the responsibilities for post-construction operation of the three check structures. Maintenance is anticipated to be a joint effort between the two agencies to perform as-needed cleaning of debris and sediment as well as equipment monitoring and maintenance.