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SCH #

Project Title: Main Intake Canal Siphons Project

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 City: Tulare Zip: 93274 County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Tulare (Eastern) City/Nearest Community: Ivanhoe
 Cross Streets: see attached Project Description Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____ ° _____ ' _____ " N / _____ ° _____ ' _____ " W Total Acres: 6.3
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 158-040-019 and 158-040-004 Section: 18S Twp.: 26E Range: 17&20 Base: MDMB
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: St. John's River, Kaweah River, Main Intake Canal
 Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

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

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: Siphons
 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 January 21, 2025 Ending Date February 19, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Project Location

The Project is located on two sites in the eastern portion of Tulare County, along the St. Johns River and the Kaweah River approximately 53-miles southeast of Fresno and 56 miles northwest of Bakersfield within Tulare Irrigation District (District). The Project sites are located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 158-040-019 and 158-040-004. The area of potential effect (APE) for the St. Johns River siphon site is approximately 2.9 acres in size and the Kaweah River siphon site is approximately 3.4 acres in size, which equals a total Project size of approximately 6.3 acres. This includes all construction staging and access areas needed for construction equipment.

The approximate centroid of the Project site along the St. Johns River is 36° 21' 33.31" North, 119°10'26.22" West, while the approximate centroid of the site along the Kaweah river is 36°21'10.03" North, 119°10'47.28" West.

Project Description

The District is pursuing the construction of the two reinforced concrete pipe or box siphons, each connecting to the MIC. The Project proposes to install two new reinforced concrete pipe or box siphons adjacent and upstream of the existing siphons at each site. The new siphons will address the structural concerns of the existing siphons and will also enhance the maximum capacity to approximately 1,100 CFS. The Project will be completed in multiple construction phases. The initial phase will involve clearing and grubbing outside of the St. Johns and Kaweah River channels at the individual siphon sites, which could include minor vegetation removal. Upon completion of the first phase, the second phase of Project construction will be the excavation of the sending and receiving pits, one pit on either side of the Rivers at each siphon site. These pits are utilized for the jack and bore drilling installation method. In the sending pit, a boring machine and auger will drill into the earth beneath each river, installing pipe casing along the way to the receiving pit. It is anticipated the sending and receiving pits will be gravel or rock lined to stabilize the operation of the pipelines. This phase will also see the installation of head walls and wing walls on upstream and downstream sides as well as trash racks on the upstream side of the siphon intakes. The third phase of the Project will consist of reconditioning the water flow into the new siphons and into the MIC. The existing box culvert siphons will remain in place once construction of the new siphons is complete. A new bulkhead and control gate(s) will be installed to direct flow to the new siphons, unless high flows require the use of the existing siphon. Keeping the existing siphons in place in the riverbeds will provide added erosion protection for the new siphons in the Rivers by stabilizing the river bottom sediment in place.

Benefits associated with the Project include:

- Enhanced facility and system reliability
- Increased facility capacity
- Protection of functionality of the St. Johns River and Kaweah River
- Surface water reliability for irrigation and groundwater service