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SCH # 2014011078

Project Title: McKay Point Reservoir Project

Lead Agency: Tulare Irrigation District Contact Person: Aaron Fukuda
Mailing Address: 6826 Avenue 240 Phone: (559) 686-3425
City: Tulare, CA Zip: 93274 County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: Lemon Cove (1.0 miles away), Woodlake (2.5 miles away)
Cross Streets: Access via State Highway 216, midway between Road 228 and State Highway 198 Zip Code: 93286
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 23 ' 30 " N / 119 ° 02 ' 50 " W Total Acres: 200
Assessor's Parcel No.: 113-070-016; 113-080-005, 008; 113-090-001; 113-100-002 Section: 3 and 4 Twp.: 18 South Range: 27 East Base: MDB&M
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 216 and 198 Waterways: St. John River and Kaweah River
Airports: None Railways: None Schools: Sequoia Union Elementary

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: Reclamation Plan

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 _____ MGD _____
 Transportation: Type _____
 Mining: Mineral Sand and Gravel
 Power: Type _____ MW
 Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
 Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Other: Reservoir Development and Operation

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:

Zone: AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture, 20 Ac Min); General Plan: Valley Agriculture, Mineral Resource Area (MRZ-2a)

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

The Tulare Irrigation District (TID), the Consolidated Peoples Ditch Company (CPDC) and the Visalia & Kaweah Water Company (VKWC), as joint owners (Owners), propose to construct and operate the McKay Point Reservoir on the north side of the divergence of the Lower Kaweah and St. Johns rivers near McKay Point in Tulare County, California. The reservoir would serve as a surface water storage and re-regulation reservoir and would: 1) receive water immediately upstream of the divergence of the St. Johns and Kaweah rivers, 2) provide a water storage capacity of approximately 4,600 acre-feet, 3) deliver water to the St. Johns River and the Lower Kaweah River, as needed; and, 4) provide additional storage capacity for storm water layoff and flood prevention. The reservoir would also be used to optimize groundwater recharge within the Owners service areas.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>6</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board | <input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County; and, San Joaquin Valley APCD</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Army Corps of Engineers; and, US Fish and Wildlife Service</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | |

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

Starting Date March 1, 2024 Ending Date April 15, 2024

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 02/23/2024

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

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

The following list provides a brief summary of the areas of known controversy or issues of concern based on the comments received during the scoping period (10/02/2020 - 11/04/2020):

- Reclamation Plan;
- Potential impacts to real estate and quality of life;
- Permit requirements, specifically Central Valley Flood Protection Board encroachment permit and US Army Corp of Engineers 404 permit;
- Details of the excavation of the pit for the construction of the reservoir;
- Drought conditions and water supply; and
- Impacts to local groundwater wells.

Two (2) public scoping meetings were also held on October 15 and 16, 2020. Complete copies of the letters/emails received during the scoping period are provided in the Scoping Report (Appendix A in the Draft EIR). These comments will be incorporated into the EIR Administrative Record for the Project and are addressed in the Draft EIR, as appropriate.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

Federal Agencies:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

State Agencies:

- California Department of Conservation (DOC), Division of Mine Reclamation (DMR)
- Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley (Region 5)
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)
- California Department of Transportation (Caltrans)

Local Agencies:

- Tulare County, Resource Management Agency (RMA)
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD)