Notice of Determination

Appendix D

TO:

☒ Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of: Merced
Address: 2222 M Street
Merced, CA 95340

FROM:

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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): 2022010100

Project Title: Espinosa Multipurpose Constructed Basin Project (Figure 2)

Project Location (include county): Northwest corner of Harding Road and Cortez Road, Merced County (APN: 041-130-072-000) (Figure 1)

Project Description: The proposed project involves repurposing approximately 5.0 acres of irrigated agricultural land in Merced County through construction and operation of a multipurpose basin and connecting pipeline under a 10-year Incentive Agreement with ETSGSA. The basin would receive surface water runoff during high flow events and/or during periods when Turlock Irrigation District (TID) replenishment water is available. The multipurpose basin would be connected to a new underground pipeline beneath Cortez Avenue to an existing turnout, located on the TID's High Line Canal.

This is to advise that the ETSGSA (☑ *Lead Agency* or ☐ *Responsible Agency*) has approved the above described project on September 24, 2026 (*Date*) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described projects.

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:

Signature (Public Agency) Karen L Dhuyy Title: Board Secretary

Date: September 30, 2026 Date Received filing at OPR:

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September 30, 2026
MATT H. MAY
COUNTY CLERK
By
Deputy Clerk

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference: Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

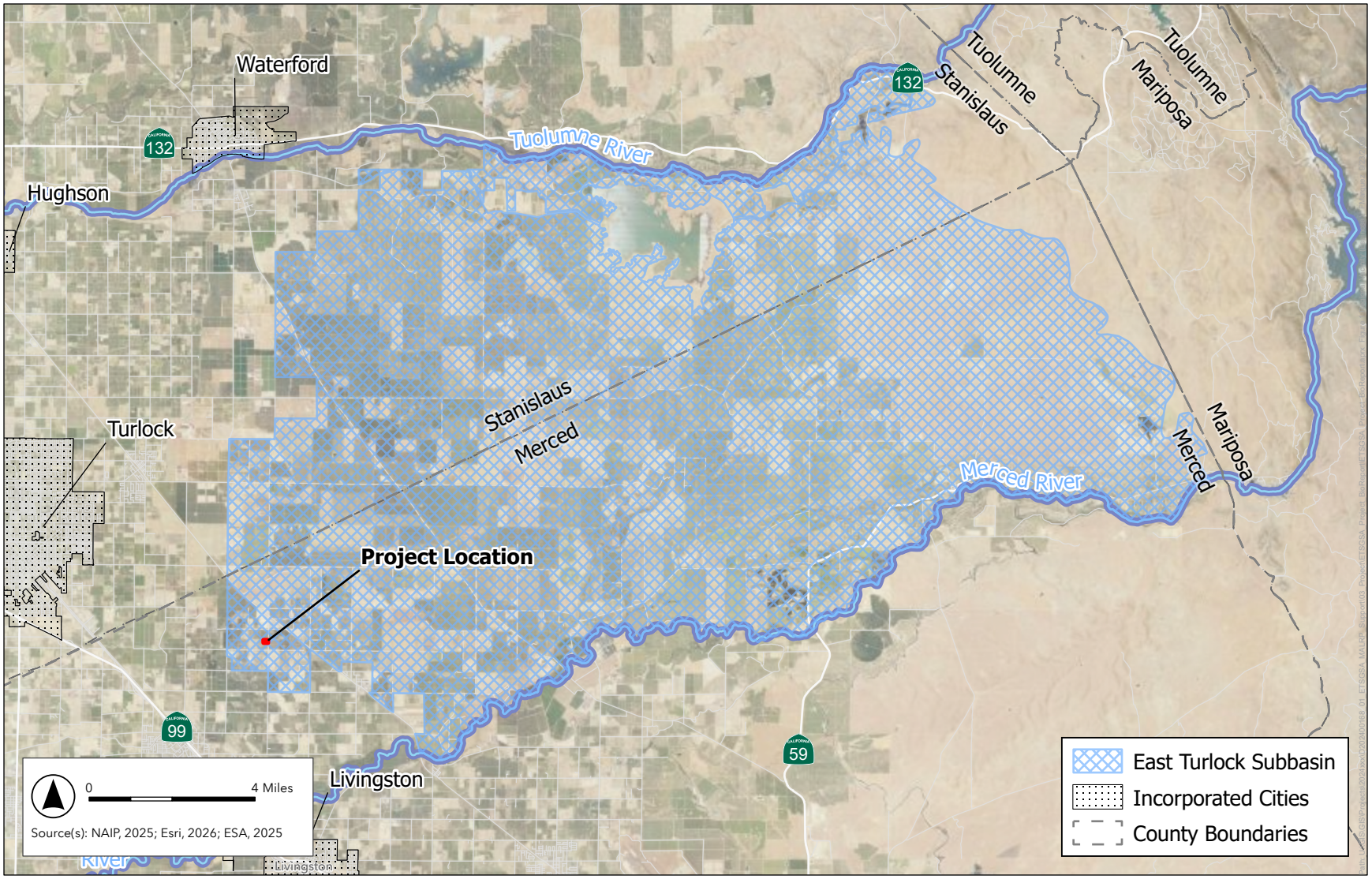

Figure 1
ETSGSA Project Bio Report
Espinosa Multipurpose Constructed Basin Project
Regional Vicinity

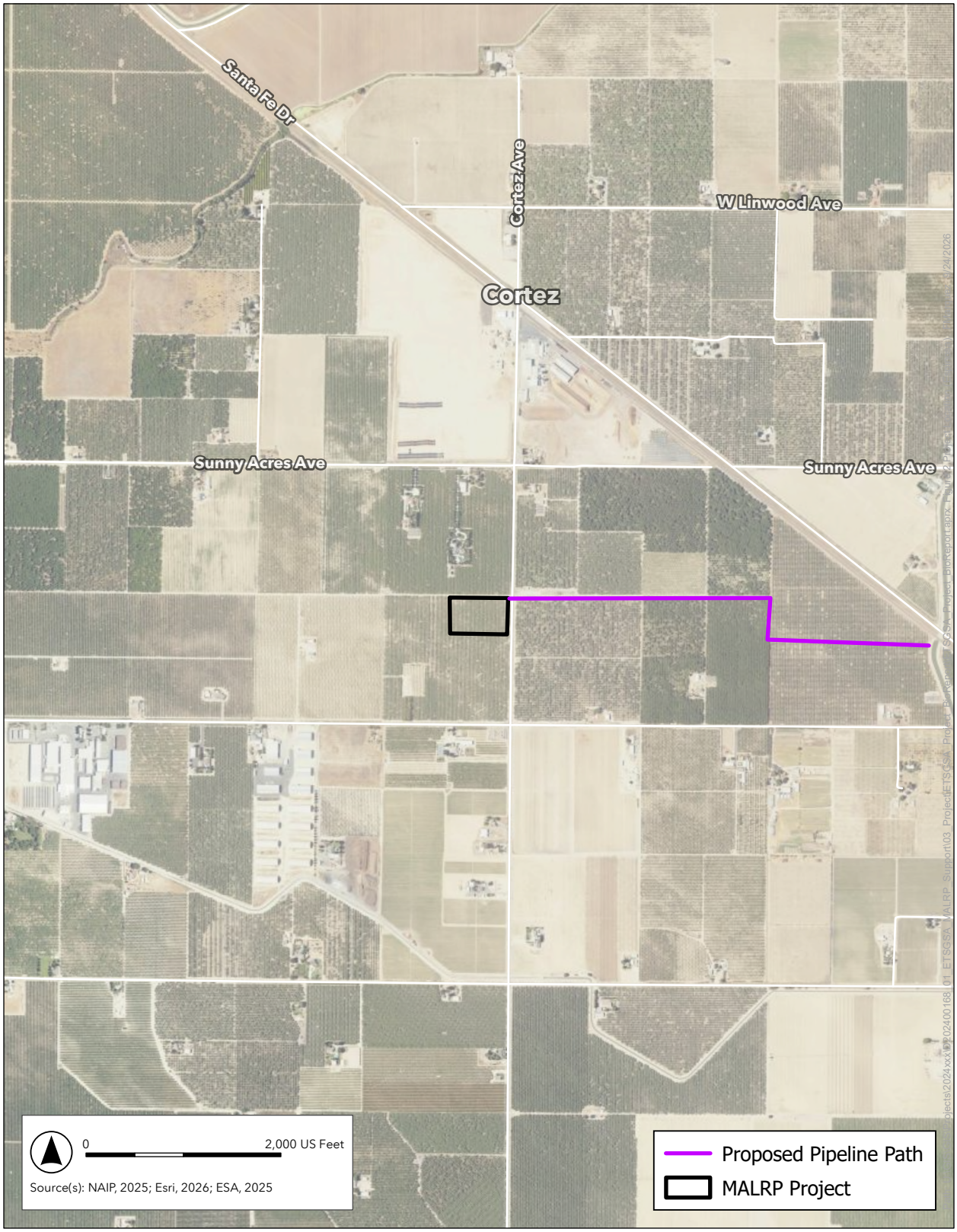

Figure 2
Espinosa Multipurpose Constructed Basin Project
Project Location