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: Stanislaus
Address: 1021 I Street, Suite 101
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FROM:

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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: EliJen Extended Multibenefit Fallowing and Recharge Basin Project (Figure 2)

Project Location (include county): Stanislaus County (APN 020-001-037-000) (Figure 1)

Project Description: Under the proposed project, 33.2 acres of previously irrigated orchard would be fallowed and replaced with non-irrigated multibenefit cover crops that provide pollinator habitat, improve soil health, and enhance potential wildlife habitat. In addition, an existing 1.4-acre constructed basin currently used to support irrigation operations would be repurposed to provide active groundwater recharge. The previously constructed basin would utilize an existing pipeline connection to the Turlock Main Canal surface water supply to actively recharge groundwater during periods of GSA or TID-provided water availability.

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. Whipp Title: Board Secretary

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

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

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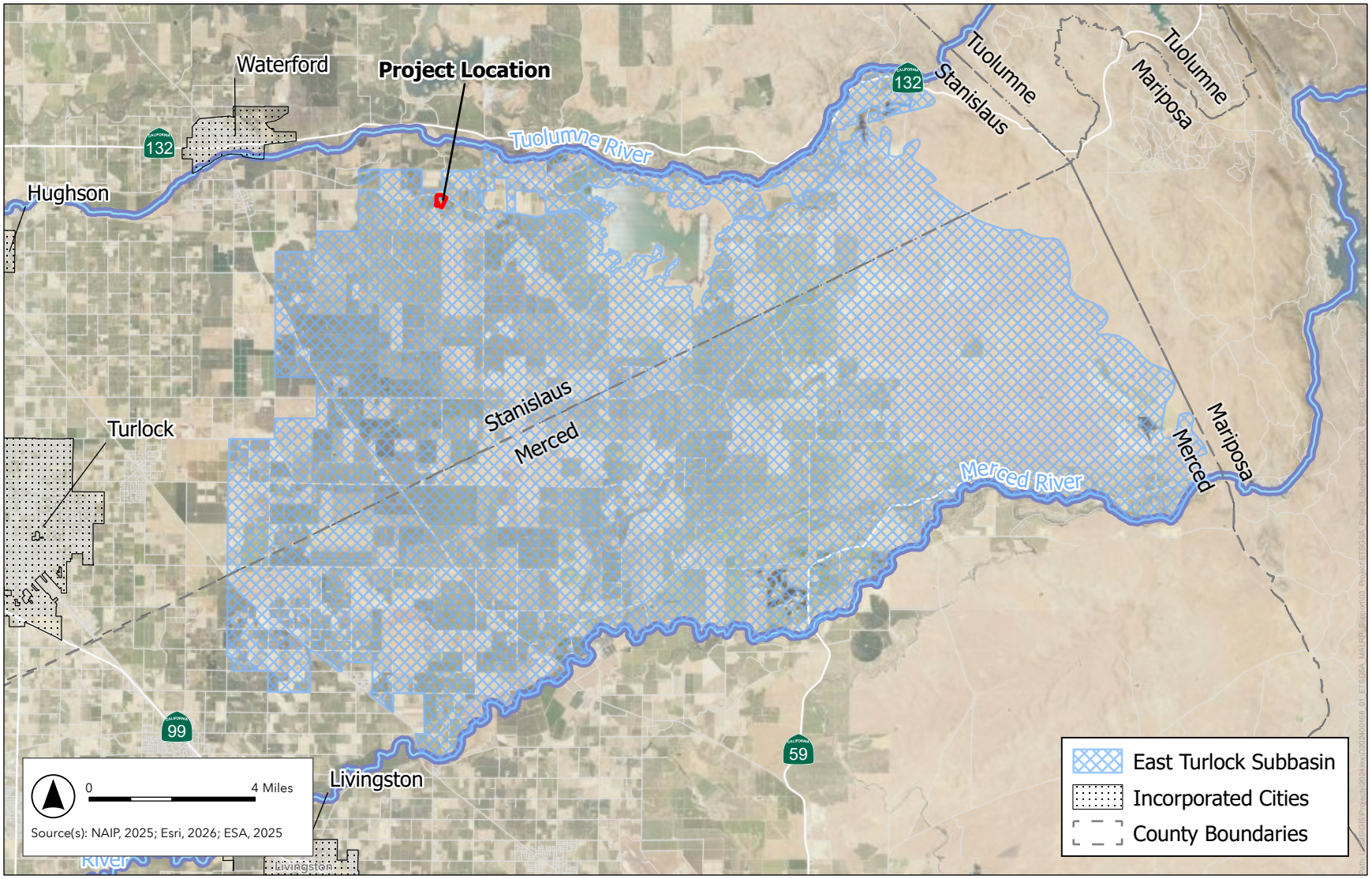

Figure 1
ETSGSA Project Bio Report
Regional Vicinity

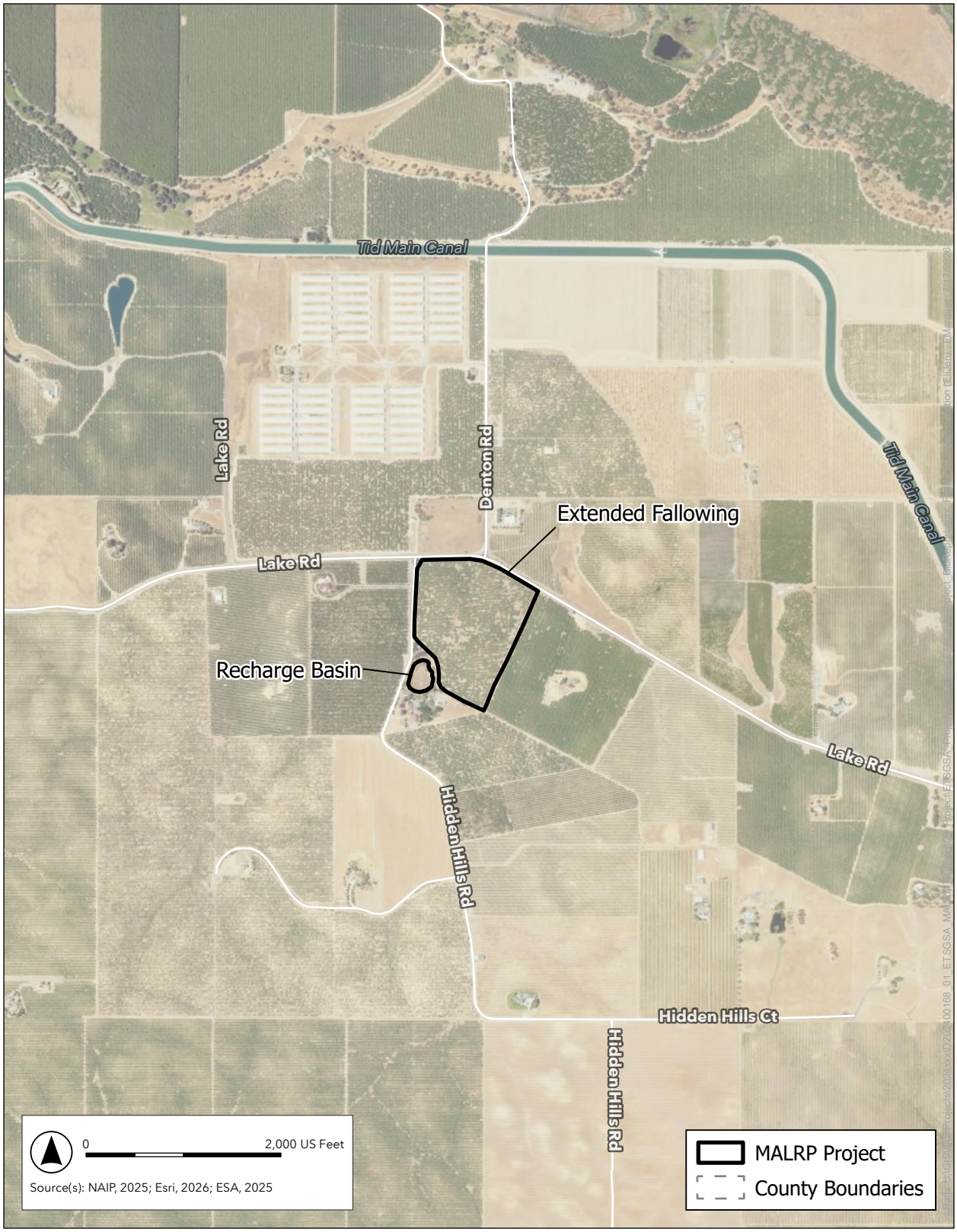

Figure 2
ETSGSA Project Bio Report
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