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Project Title: Valley Clean Infrastructure Plan (VCIP)

Lead Agency: Westlands Water District

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City: Fresno

Zip: 93755

County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Mendota, Firebaugh, Huron, Coalinga

Cross Streets: W. Clarkson Ave & S. San Mateo Av (approx. center of VCIP Plan Area)

Zip Code:

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 30 ' 00 " N / 120 ° 19 ' 00 " W Total Acres: 136,000

Assessor's Parcel No.: Numerous

Section: 25

Twp.: 16S

Range: 15E

Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 5, 33, 145, 180, 198, 269.

Waterways: San Joaquin R., Arroyo Pasajero, Panoche Cr., CA Aqueduct

Airports: Mendota, Harris Ranch, NAS Lemoore

Railways: San Joaquin Valley RR

Schools: Cantua Elem., Westside Elem., etc.

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP
☐ Early Cons
☐ Neg Dec
☐ Mit Neg Dec

☒ Draft EIR
☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR
 (Prior SCH No.) _____
 Other: _____

NEPA: ☐ NOI
☐ EA
☐ Draft EIS
☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Final Document
☐ Other: _____

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update
☐ General Plan Amendment
☐ General Plan Element
☐ Community Plan

☐ Specific Plan
☒ Master Plan
☐ Planned Unit Development
☐ Site Plan

☐ Rezone
☐ Prezone
☐ Use Permit
☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☐ Annexation
☐ Redevelopment
☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Other: _____

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 _____
☒ Power: Type Solar PV+Storage MW 21,000
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual
☒ Agricultural Land
☒ Air Quality
☒ Archeological/Historical
☒ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs

☐ Fiscal
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
☒ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
☒ Geologic/Seismic
☒ Minerals
☒ Noise
☒ Population/Housing Balance
☒ Public Services/Facilities

☐ Recreation/Parks
☐ Schools/Universities
☒ Septic Systems
☐ Sewer Capacity
☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
☒ Solid Waste
☒ Toxic/Hazardous
☒ Traffic/Circulation

☒ Vegetation
☒ Water Quality
☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☒ Wetland/Riparian
☒ Growth Inducement
☒ Land Use
☒ Cumulative Effects
☒ Other: Wildfire, Tribal Cultural Res

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Land Use: Agriculture; Zoning: Agriculture AE-20; General Plan: Agriculture

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

The proposed Valley Clean Infrastructure Plan (VCIP) provides a blueprint for the development of clean energy facilities (solar PV, energy storage) and supporting infrastructure (gen-tie lines, collection substations, connecting and delivery transmission lines) with an overall generating and delivery capacity of up to 21,000 MW on approximately 136,000 acres of repurposed farmland within the Fresno County portion of Westlands Water District (District).

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".

☒ Air Resources Board	☒ Office of Historic Preservation
☐ Boating & Waterways, Department of	☐ Office of Public School Construction
☐ California Emergency Management Agency	☒ Parks & Recreation, Department of
☒ California Highway Patrol	☒ Pesticide Regulation, Department of
☒ Caltrans District # <u>6</u>	☒ Public Utilities Commission
☒ Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	☒ Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
☒ Caltrans Planning	☒ Resources Agency
☒ Central Valley Flood Protection Board	☒ Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
☐ Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	☐ S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
☐ Coastal Commission	☐ San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Colorado River Board	☐ San Joaquin River Conservancy
☒ Conservation, Department of	☐ Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
☐ Corrections, Department of	☒ State Lands Commission
☐ Delta Protection Commission	☐ SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
☐ Education, Department of	☒ SWRCB: Water Quality
☒ Energy Commission	☐ SWRCB: Water Rights
☒ Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	☐ Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
☒ Food & Agriculture, Department of	☒ Toxic Substances Control, Department of
☒ Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	☒ Water Resources, Department of
☐ General Services, Department of	
☒ Health Services, Department of	Other: _____
☐ Housing & Community Development	Other: _____
☒ Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date July 31, 2025 Ending Date September 15, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____ Applicant: _____
Address: _____ Address: _____
City/State/Zip: _____ City/State/Zip: _____
Contact: _____ Phone: _____
Phone: _____

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 7/31/2025

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