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**Project Title:** Poplar Basin

Lead Agency: Lower Tule River Irrigation District Contact Person: John-Michael Domondon  
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 City: Tipton Zip: 93272 County: Tulare

**Project Location:** County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: southwest of Porterville  
 Cross Streets: Lower Tule River Irrigation District Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 03 ' 28.42 " N / 119 ° 13 ' 67.455 " W Total Acres: 40  
 Assessor's Parcel No.: 302-020-003, 302-020-040, 302-020-004, and 302-020-044 Section: 11 Twp.: 22S Range: 26E Base: MDMB  
 Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: Casa Blanca Canal  
 Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: Pleasant View West Elementary School

**Document Type:**

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons	<input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR	<input type="checkbox"/> EA	<input type="checkbox"/> Final Document
<input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec	(Prior SCH No.) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
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**Local Action Type:**

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Recharge Basin</u>

**Development Type:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Recharge Basin</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tribal Cultural</u>

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**  
Zoning - Agriculture Rural: AE-20/General Plan Designation - Valley Agriculture – Rural Valley Lands

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

See attached Project Description

## Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".  
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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 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                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board          | <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of     |
| <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 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                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                |
| <input 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                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of              | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of    | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>SJVAPCD</u>                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |                                                                              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission |                                                                              |

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

Starting Date June 5, 2025 Ending Date July 7, 2025

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Provost &amp; Pritchard Consulting Group</u>	Applicant: <u>Lower Tule River Irrigation District</u>
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 5/30/2025

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

## **PROJECT TITLE**

Poplar Basin Project

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The new 40-acre recharge basin facility is comprised of two (2) 20-acre basins and would include a new turnout connection from the District's Casa Blanca Ditch on the southern end of the property and approximately 100 feet of pipeline. The basin would generally be rectangular shape surrounded by lands in agricultural production. There are two existing turnouts and a check structure along the Casa Blanca Ditch running along the southern border of the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Overhead electricity lines run along the northern border of the APE with an existing power pole near the northeast corner of the APE.

## **CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE**

Construction of the proposed Project is expected to be completed in four to six months with construction access off of Scranton Avenue/Avenue 136. The Project parcel has been cleared of orchards and would be cleared of any other vegetation and debris. The proposed Project includes mobilization, site preparation, and berm construction surrounding the basin; earthwork and structures placement; Project turnout, piping, and inter-basin and basin outfall structures. New berm construction would be less than six feet, measured from the exterior toe to the top of the new levee. After construction completion, performance testing and demobilization would occur. Any soils that cannot be reused in construction or balanced onsite would be exported offsite to a District-owned property or willing taker(s) of the soil.

## **EQUIPMENT**

Construction equipment would likely include, but not be limited to, the following types:

- Excavators;
- Graders;
- Skid steers;
- Loaders;
- Hauling trucks;
- Bulldozers;
- Concrete pump truck;
- Large tractor and large discing unit;
- Water trucks supplying water for dust control and conditioning soil for compaction; and
- Large watercannon and hoses.

Post-construction activities would include system testing, commissioning, and site clean-up. Construction will require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment. Staging areas would be located onsite within the identified APE.

## **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

The District's operation of the basin would be consistent with the District's other similar facilities in that groundwater conditions would be monitored to minimize negative impacts on the surrounding areas (such as nearby wells, crops, and septic systems).