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SCH # 2025110364

Project Title: San Luis Canal (California Aqueduct Pools 17 and 18) Liner Raise Project

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources Contact Person: Marea Bell
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 City: Gustine Zip: 95332 County: Merced

Project Location: County: Fresno City/Nearest Community: Cantua Creek
 Cross Streets: W Clarkson Avenue; Mount Whitney Avenue Zip Code: 93608

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 28 ' 28 " N / 120 ° 19 ' 13 " W Total Acres: 61.46

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A Section: 14 Twp.: 17S Range: 15E Base: Mount Diablo

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Route 33 Waterways: California Aqueduct San Luis Canal

Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: Cantua 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: _____

Development Type:

Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
 Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____
 Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____
 Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____
 Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
 Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
 Water Facilities: Type Liner Raise MGD N/A Other: _____

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: Energy, GHG, Tribal

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

California Aqueduct, undeveloped land, access roads, agriculture; Zoning: Exclusive Agriculture AE-20; GP: Agriculture

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

The proposed project would raise portions of the concrete liner of the California Aqueduct's Pools 17 and 18 between Milepost (MP) 128.4 and MP 135.6 to maintain functionality in Pools 17 and 18 to enable DWR to avoid future disruptions of water deliveries to the Public Water Agencies, thereby maintaining operational flexibility and improving safety and reliability. The existing concrete liner would be raised approximately 1 foot 9 inches over a total length of approximately 8.9 miles on both sides of Pools 17 and 18. Construction activities would be performed above the waterline and would not require dewatering of the Aqueduct. Work would include excavation and use of on-site borrow material, road drain rerouting, and the removal and reinstallation of guardrails, road delineators and other existing features. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and conclude within nine months.

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

Starting Date _____ Ending Date _____

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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