

# Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2025110365**

**Project Title:** San Luis Canal (California Aqueduct Pools 20 and 21) 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/Kings City/Nearest Community: Huron  
 Cross Streets: W Clarkson Avenue; Quail Avenue 93234 Zip Code: 93234

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 38 ° 08 ' 16 " N / 120 ° 03 ' 16 " W Total Acres: 119.87

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A Section: 18 Twp.: 21S Range: 18E Base: Mount Diablo

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: State Routes 33 & 269; Interstate 5 Waterways: California Aqueduct San Luis Canal  
 Airports: N/A Railways: N/A Schools: Kettleman City Elementary School

**Document Type:**

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| 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        |
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**Local Action Type:**

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |

**Development Type:**

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| <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 type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                          |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type <u>Liner Raise</u> MGD <u>N/A</u> |  |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

California Aqueduct, undeveloped land, access roads, agriculture; Zoning: Exclusive Agriculture AE-20, AE-40; 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 20 and 21 between Milepost (MP) 158.7 and MP 170.3 to maintain functionality in Pools 20 and 21 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 over approximately 18 miles, with varying raise heights: up to 1.5 feet over 5 miles, up to 2.5 feet over 3.5 miles, and up to 3 feet over 9.5 miles. 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 to accommodate the liner raise. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and conclude within nine months.

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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 type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____                      | <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: _____  |
| <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 \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Contact: <u>Catherine McEfee</u>	Phone: _____
Phone: <u>(916) 564-4500</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: James Lopes

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