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SCH #

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 | Zip Code: 93234

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 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:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Early Cons ☐ Neg Dec ☒ Mit Neg Dec ☐ Draft EIR ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Other:

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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 Liner Raise MGD N/A
☐ Transportation: Type
☐ Mining: Mineral
☐ Power: Type MW
☐ 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: Energy, GHG, Tribal

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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	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 #		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	X	Regional WQCB # 5
	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
X	Fish & Game Region # 4		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:
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date November 11, 2025 Ending Date December 10, 2025

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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