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SCH #

Project Title: Paregien Basin Project

Lead Agency: Exeter Irrigation District — Contact Person: Gene Kilgore, General Manager

Mailing Address: 150 S. E Street — Phone: (559) 592-2181

City: Exeter — Zip: 93221 — County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Tulare — City/Nearest Community: Farmersville

Cross Streets: _____ — Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 36 ° 19 ′ 31.72 ″ N / 119 ° 11 ′ 29.88 ″ W Total Acres: 50

Assessor's Parcel No.: 111-025-010 and -025 — Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Hwy 198 — Waterways: Deep Creek

Airports: _____ — Railways: _____ — Schools: _____

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: Recharge Basin

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 _____ MGD _____ ☒ Other: Recharge Basin

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: Tribal Cultural Resources

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Zoning - AE -40/General Plan Designation - Agriculture RVLP

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

See attached Project Description

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	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
X	Caltrans District # 6		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	S	Other: APCD
	Housing & Community Development		Other:
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date December 19, 2025 Ending Date January 20, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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City/State/Zip: Exeter, CA 93221
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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 11/21/2025

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

Project Description

The District plans to develop an approximately 50-acre recharge facility known as the Paregien Basin located directly south of Highway 198, northeast of the City of Farmersville. The new groundwater recharge basin would include a new turnout connection from Deep Creek. The Project would also include approximately 350 feet of pipeline connecting the new turnout to the proposed basin. The pipeline connection from the proposed recharge basin to Deep Creek will be located on the south side of the existing West Pond, which is not a part of the Project. The area to the north and east of the existing pond will be avoided as it has been identified as a potentially sensitive habitat area. No Project activities will occur in this area.

The proposed turnout would be developed with a capacity for approximately 20 cubic feet per second (CFS). The proposed turnout facility would consist of cast-in-place concrete structure, control gate(s), trash rack, and related appurtenances from the west bank of Deep Creek to divert to the proposed basin. The turnout structure would connect to an inlet pipeline approximately 350 linear feet (LF) from Deep Creek into the proposed Paregien Basin. The turnout structure would have a maximum excavation depth of 15 feet below ground surface for establishing proper compaction under the structure and pipeline. All excavation material would be balanced on site.

Construction would include equipment mobilization, excavation of earthwork for the recharge basin and construction of basin perimeter berms. The Project site would contain temporary staging areas for construction equipment and material storage during the construction effort. Basin construction would include performance testing (i.e. compaction testing) and demobilization. Excavation material would be used on site for berm construction along the perimeter of the basin. New berm construction would not exceed six feet in height, measured from the exterior toe to the top of new berm. The maximum depth of ground disturbance for the basin would be as much as nine (9) feet.

Through the improvements of this proposed multi-cell recharge basin, it is anticipated to recharge approximately 1,260 acre-feet (AF) on an average annual basis. However, the site is capable of recharging more in wet years when surplus water is available for longer durations. The 1,260 AF estimate is derived based on an estimated recharge rate of 0.5 AF per acre across the approximately 50 acres of wetted area for an estimated duration of 50 days, which is an approximate average of historical water availability on the Kaweah system. Typical surplus surface water availability is generally between March and June. However, in very wet years, water could be diverted for recharge whenever excess supply is available, which could occur from January to September or October.