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SCH #

Project Title: 2023 Storm Damage, Department of Water Resources Levee Rehabilitation Repair Site 23-081

Lead Agency: California Department of Water Resources | Contact Person: Kristin Ford
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City: Sacramento | Zip: 95821 | County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: Merced | City/Nearest Community: El Nido
Cross Streets: West El Nido Road and Levee Crown Road | Zip Code: 95317
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 8 ′ 17.448 ″ N / 120 ° 35 ′ 30.912 ″ W Total Acres: 28
Assessor's Parcel No.: 074-100-036-000, 074-060-026-000, 074-130-032-000 Section: 19 Twp.: 9S Range: 13E Base: Mount Diablo Principal
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR 59 Waterways: Eastside Bypass; San Joaquin River
Airports: None Railways: None Schools: None

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP ☐ Draft EIR NEPA: ☐ NOI Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
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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: None

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 _____ MGD _____
☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☒ Other: Levee Repair

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:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

GP Designation: Agricultural (A)/ Zoning: A-1 for General Agriculture

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

The project is located along the waterside (east levee) of the Eastside Bypass in Merced County between Levee Mile 17.1 (upstream) and Levee Mile 15.1 (downstream). DWR proposes maintenance repairs consisting of excavation of eroded soil, replacement of clean earth fill and launch rock placement for slop stability. Geotextile fabric would be used to separate between earth fill and launch rock. Aggregate base resurfacing would restore the non-paved levees crown road to preconstruction conditions. The repairs would be approximately 2.4 miles in length.

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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
X	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 January 30, 2026 Ending Date March 2, 2026

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