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SCH #

Project Title: Eastside Aquifer Restoration Initiative Project

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City: Merced | Zip: 95340 | County: Merced

Project Location: County: Stanislaus and Merced Counties, CA | City/Nearest Community: Turlock

Cross Streets: Hawkins Rd, Lake Rd, E. Keyes Rd, Bledsoe Rd, E. Monte Vista Ave | Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 ° 33 ′ 7 ″ N / 120 ° 38 ′ 46 ″ W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: TID Main Canal, Mustang Creek, Sand 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: _____
☒ Mit Neg Dec Other: _____ ☐ FONSI _____

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: Infrastructure

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 Conveyance MGD 32
☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ 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: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

ARE-40 (Agricultural, Rural, Exclusive (40 acre) District), OS (Open Space) – Stanislaus County portion; A-2 (Exclusive Agricultural) – Merced County portion

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

The Eastside Aquifer Restoration Initiative (EARI) Project is a groundwater sustainability project proposed by the Eastside Water District (EWD), in partnership with the Turlock Irrigation District (TID) and East Turlock Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (ETSGSA), to convey replenishment water to agricultural areas south of the TID Main Canal and enhance in lieu and direct groundwater recharge within the eastern portion of the Turlock Subbasin. The Project would involve construction and operation of a new turnout on the TID Main Canal, a pump station, conveyance pipeline, regulating basin, turnouts along the pipeline and Mustang Creek to deliver replenishment water to agricultural lands, turnouts on Sand Creek and Mustang Creek, and re-channelization of portions of Mustang Creek to continue the conveyance of replenishment water to Mustang Lake, when available. Replenishment water would be used to offset groundwater pumping during the irrigation season and to facilitate direct groundwater recharge during the non irrigation season.

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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	X	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
X	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	X	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	X	Water Resources, Department of
____	General Services, Department of		
____	Health Services, Department of	X	Other: Stanislaus County
____	Housing & Community Development	X	Other: Merced County
X	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date October 13, 2026 Ending Date November 12, 2026

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____ **Date:** 10/13/2026

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