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SCH# 2019011070

Project Title: East Highline Reservoir and Intake Channel Project
Lead Agency: Imperial Irrigation District Contact Person: Sarah Lopez
Mailing Address: 333 E. Barioni Boulevard Phone: (760)339-9353
City: Imperial Zip: 92251 County: Imperial

Project Location: County: Imperial City/Nearest Community: Holtville
Cross Streets: Holdridge Road and Verde School Road Zip Code: 92250
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 43 ' 35 " N / 115 ° 16 ' 52 " W Total Acres: 573
Assessor's Parcel No.: 005-250-020, 059-310-005, 055-310-007, 055-310-006, 059-310-006 Section: 26 Twp: 16S Range: 16E Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy#: 98 Waterways: East Highline Canal, All-American Canal
Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: Finley Elementary School

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: _____

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
☐ Office: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Commercial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
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☐ Industrial: Sq. ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Educational: _____
☐ Recreational: _____
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☒ Water Facilities: Type _____ Reservoir and Intake Channel _____ MGD _____
☐ 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

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☐ Coastal Zone
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs

☒ Noise
☒ Population/Housing Balance
☒ Public Services/Facilities

☒ Solid Waste
☒ Toxic/Hazardous
☒ Traffic/Circulation

☒ Land Use
☒ Cumulative Effects
☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

The proposed project site is zoned as A-2 (General Agriculture) and A-3 (Heavy Agriculture) (County of Imperial 2017), with a small portion that crosses a parcel of federal lands withdrawn to Reclamation. The Imperial County General Plan Land Use designation for the site is predominantly Agriculture, with a portion of the intake channel on Recreation/Open Space land.

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

The proposed project includes an operational reservoir facility, covering approximately 370 acres, which would manage up to 3,400 acre-feet of water. The water managed in the proposed reservoir would be channeled from the All-American Canal (AAC), via pipelines proposed under Highway 98 and into the operational reservoir prior to then gravity flowing into the East Highline (EHL) Canal. The EHL Canal is one of three main canals that branch off the AAC, a facility owned by the U.S. Department of the Interior through the Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), serving the water service area of IID. Water temporarily stored in the proposed reservoir would be delivered into the EHL Canal to serve downstream agricultural demands through an automated gate outlet with a gravity flow capacity of approximately 1,500 cfs. Water managed by the proposed reservoir would be delivered to agricultural water users located downstream. IID does not provide treated water service.

The proposed intake channel would branch off the north side of the AAC to convey the operational water flows from the AAC to the proposed reservoir at a flow rate of up to 1,500 cubic feet per second (cfs). Approximately 36 acres of the proposed intake channel would be constructed on agricultural land and approximately 11 acres would cross Reclamation federally-owned lands. The proposed intake would consist of an open channel that serves a dual purpose as a desilting basin measuring approximately 75 feet wide and 10 to 15 feet deep from the top of the embankments with maintenance roads along the sides. The proposed reservoir would have a contoured floor to allow water to gravity flow into the EHL Canal and utilize the natural terrain to promote a balanced and efficient use of cut and fill. The proposed reservoir and proposed intake channel would be excavated to a maximum of approximately five feet below grade. Impacts to the AAC include the cutting of the AAC bank to allow a direct connection to the open intake channel. The cut bank and flow gate would alter approximately 150 feet of the AAC bank.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # <u>11</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date April 24, 2020 Ending Date June 9, 2020

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Date: April 22, 2020

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