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Project Title: Biggs-West Gridley Water District 2020 Water Transfer Program

Lead Agency: Biggs-West Gridley Water District

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City: Gridley

Zip: 95948

County: Butte

Project Location: County: District's Service Area within Butte County City/Nearest Community: Gridley

Cross Streets: Zip Code:

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): ° ' " N / ° ' " W Total Acres:

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

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:

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: Notice of Intent to Adopt MND ☐ 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: Water Transfer

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ ☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Power: Type _____ MW _____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ ☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
☐ Educational: _____ ☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Recreational: _____ ☒ Other: 1-year water transfer
☐ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____

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: Greenhouse Gases

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agricultural

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

The Biggs-West Gridley Water District (BWGWD) proposes to sell during the 2020 irrigation season up to 20,658 acre-feet (AF) of water generated by idling up to 6,260 acres to participating member districts of the State Water Contractors, Incorporated or other South of Delta purchasers, including Central Valley Project contractors (collectively, "Buyers"). Buyers and others are seeking up to approximately 300,000 AF of transfer water from various willing sellers in the Sacramento Valley during the 2020 irrigation season. Purchasing this water would lessen potential water supply shortages to these parties that may occur as a result of dry hydrologic conditions and regulatory restrictions on pumping in the Delta. As a willing seller, the BWGWD would make up to 20,658 AF of water available to Buyers by idling cropland (i.e., non-irrigation of farmland by voluntary participants). Water made available by crop idling within the boundaries of the BWGWD would then be retained and stored by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for delivery to Buyers. The BWGWD's proposed transfer will comply with the most current Draft Technical Information for Preparing Water Transfer Proposals prepared by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), dated December 2019 (Draft Technical Information), as applicable to land idling transfers.

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 18, 2020

Ending Date April 17, 2020

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: MBK Engineers

Applicant: _____

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Date: 3/16/2020

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