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SCH #**Project Title:** Pixley Public Utility District Water Main Extension Project

Lead Agency: Pixley Public Utility District

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City: Pixley

Zip: 93256

County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Tulare

City/Nearest Community: Pixley

Cross Streets: Main Street, North Park Drive, East Court Avenue

Zip Code: 93256

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35. ° 9744 ' 929 " N / -119 ° 2942 ' 571 " W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: 299-011-009, 299-011-011

Section: _____

Twp.: _____

Range: _____

Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: SR99

Waterways: NA

Airports: NA

Railways: NA

Schools: NA

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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: _____**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 Water Main Extension MGD _____☐ 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: Tribal Cultural Resources**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Road right of way/unzoned or M-1/Undesignated, Manufacturing

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

Please see attached Project Description.

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<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
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<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date March 26, 2021

Ending Date April 26, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group

Applicant: Pixley Public Utility District

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City/State/Zip: Pixley, CA 93256

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: _____

Date: 3/24/21

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

Description of Project

Project Background and Purpose

The PPUD, a domestic water purveyor, proposes to construct the Water Main Extension Project (Project) to better serve the unincorporated community of Pixley, in Tulare County, California. The PPUD is the Project proponent and CEQA Lead Agency.

Currently the community is served by aging and under-sized-diameter water distribution system suffering from low water pressure issues; fire service capacity of the existing water main is non-existent due to the small pipeline sizes. The existing water distribution system only has three lines that cross State Route 99; an eight-inch (8-inch) line in Bradbury Avenue, a ten-inch (10-inch) line in Davis Avenue, and a 4-inch crossing near the proposed crossing location, north of Howard Avenue. This 4-inch line is the only line that serves the northeastern properties in the community and is not looped into the remainder of the system, further exacerbating pressure issues in particular, to this portion of the community.

Project Description

Based upon a Feasibility Study prepared by Provost & Pritchard in August of 2020, the Project would consist of the following improvements:

- A new 12-inch diameter pipeline crossing installed in a 24-inch diameter steel casing, in accordance with Caltrans Specifications under State Route 99 (SR 99), replacing an existing 4-inch pipeline crossing. Crossing will utilize jack & bore method. The existing 4-inch pipeline will be abandoned in place.
- Interconnection of this new 12-inch undercrossing pipeline to existing distribution pipelines west of SR 99, at Main Street and East Court Avenue, utilizing open trench method.
- A new 12-inch diameter water main installed east of SR 99 in North Park Drive replacing the existing 4-inch distribution line serving existing connections in the northeast area of Pixley. Installation will utilize open trench method.
- Interconnection of the new 12-inch main east of SR 99 to existing pipelines serving the eastern area of Pixley, at North Park Drive and East Howard Avenue, utilizing open trench method.

The interconnections of the new larger diameter crossing of State Route 99 would complete a “loop” which would allow for additional potable water supply reliability and reduce pressure issues which will benefit the water service.