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| Project Title: Turlock Irrigation D | istrict Lateral 5.5 Regulating Reserve | pir Project | | | |
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| Lead Agency: Turlock Irrigation District | | | Contact Person: Phil Govea | | |
| Mailing Address: 333 E. Canal Drive | | | Phone: 209-883-3447 | | |
| City: Turlock | | Zip: 95381 County: Stanis | | laus | |
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| Project Location: County: Sta | | City/Nearest Cor | nmunity: Turlock | | |
| Cross Streets: South Central Avenu | | | | | Zip Code: <u>95380</u> |
| Lat. / Long. (degrees, minutes, an | d seconds):°′″ | N/^ | " W | Total Acres | 3: |
| Assessor's Parcel No.: 058-027-020 | | Section: | Гwp.: | Range: | Base: |
| Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: | | Waterways: | | | |
| Airports: | | Railways: | | Schools: | |
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| Document Type: CEQA: INOP | Draft EIR | NEPA: | □ NOI | Other: | ☐ Joint Document |
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| Local Action Type: | | | | | |
| General Plan Update | Specific Plan | Rezon | | | ☐ Annexation |
| General Plan Amendmer | | Prezon | | | Redevelopment |
| General Plan Element Community Plan | Planned Unit Developr Site Plan | | ermit Division (Subdivis | ion ata) | Coastal Permit Other |
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| Development Type: | | | | | |
| Residential: Units | Acres | | | | |
| Office: Sq.ft. | Acres Employees | | ation: Type | | |
| | Acres Employees | Mining: Mineral | | | |
| Industrial: Sq.ft Acres Employees | | Power: Iype | | MW | |
| | Educational Waste Treatment: Type Hazardous Waste: Type | | s Waste: Type | MGD | |
| Water Facilities: Type regulati | ng reservoir MGD | Other: | | | |
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| Project Issues Discussed in | Document: | | | | |
| Aesthetic/Visual | Fiscal | Recreation/Parks Vegetation | | | |
| Agricultural Land | Flood Plain/Flooding | | | | ater Quality |
| Air Quality | Forest Land/Fire Hazard | \boxtimes Septic Systems \boxtimes Water Supply/Ground | | | |
| \square Archeological/Historical | Geologic/Seismic | Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian | | | |
| Biological Resources | ⊠ Minerals ⊠ Noise | ⊠ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading ⊠ Growth Inducement ⊠ Solid Waste ⊠ Land Use | | | |
| Drainage/Absorption | Population/Housing Balance | ☐ Solid Waste ☐ Land Use ☐ Toxic/Hazardous ☐ Cumulative Effects | | | |
| \boxtimes Economic/Jobs | Public Services/Facilities | ☐ Traffic/Circulation ☐ Other: | | | |
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| Present Land Use/Zoning/Ge | eneral Plan Designation: | | | | |
| Agriculture | | | | | |
| Project Description: (please | use a senarate name if nece | essary) | | | |
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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| ad Agency (Complete if applicable): | | | |
| rting Date <u>6/1/2022</u> | Ending Date <u>6/30/2022</u> | | |
| cal Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead a | | | |
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| Native American Heritage Commission | | | |
| Housing & Community Development | Other | | |
| Health Services, Department of | Other | | |
| General Services, Department of | | | |
| Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of | Water Resources, Department of | | |
| Fish & Wildlife Region # Food & Agriculture, Department of | Toxic Substances Control, Department of | | |
| | Tahoe Regional Planning Agency | | |
| Energy Commission | SWRCB: Water Rights | | |
| Education, Department of | SWRCB: Water Quality | | |
| Delta Protection Commission | SWRCB: Clean Water Grants | | |
| Corrections, Department of | State Lands Commission | | |
| Conservation, Department of | Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy | | |
| Colorado River Board | San Joaquin River Conservancy | | |
| Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy Coastal Commission | San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers and Mtns Conservancy | | |
| Coachella Valley Mountains Conservancy | S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Commission | | |
| Central Valley Flood Protection Board | Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of | | |
| Caltrans Planning | Resources Agency | | |
| Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | Regional WQCB # | | |
| Caltrans District # | Public Utilities Commission | | |
| California Highway Patrol | Pesticide Regulation, Department of | | |
| California Emergency Management Agency | Parks & Recreation, Department of | | |
| Boating & Waterways, Department of | Office of Public School Construction | | |
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Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Project Description:

Turlock Irrigation District (TID) owns and maintains more than 250 miles of gravity-fed canals and laterals that serve more than 4,500 irrigation customers. The Lateral 5.5 canal, part of TID's canal system, draws water from the Lateral 5 canal at the intersection of Harding Road and Kilroy Road in Stanislaus County, California and transports it in a meandering path west to farmland south of Harding Road. The Harding Drain is a deeply cut field drain located adjacent to Harding Road beginning west of the intersection with Prairie Flower Road and continuing west to the San Joaquin River levee, discharging to the San Joaquin River. The Harding Drain carries spill water resulting from operational fluctuations in the TID canal system as well as tail water runoff from the surrounding irrigated farmland. This water is currently lost from the TID canal system. Lateral 5.5 comes within 2,000 feet of the Harding Drain between Blaker Road and Morgan Road, where Lateral 5.5 has its upper spillway to the Harding Drain.

TID proposes to construct the Lateral 5.5 Regulating Reservoir (proposed project) on a 40-acre property it owns south of and adjacent to the Harding Drain between Central Avenue and Blaker Road. The proposed project would draw water from an existing turnout in the Harding Drain during periods when there is water in the drain and pump that water into the reservoir to be stored and later pumped into Lateral 5.5 for scheduled irrigation usage.

In addition, a pipeline for future connection to the City of Turlock's (City's or Turlock's) recycled water pipeline would allow discharge of recycled water into the Lateral 5.5 Regulating Reservoir, upon amendment of the City's wastewater NPDES permit. Currently, the City sends their treated effluent to the City of Modesto's (Modesto's) Jennings Secondary/Tertiary Treatment Facility, a large treated effluent storage reservoir used primarily for agricultural irrigation. Some of that water, along with Modesto's treated effluent, now goes to the Del Puerto Irrigation District via the Delta Mendota Canal. Both Turlock and Modesto have separate wastewater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for this operation, which have been approved previously. Therefore, Turlock's effluent has not drained to the San Joaquin River for an extensive amount of time, and diverting some of Turlock's effluent to the Lateral 5.5 Regulating Reservoir would not decrease flows to the San Joaquin River.