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SCH #

Project Title: Agricultural Aquifer Storage and Recovery Program

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City: Fresno, CA Zip: 93703 County: Fresno

Project Location: County: Fresno and Kings City/Nearest Community: Fresno, Mendota, Huron, Three Rocks, Cantua Creek
Cross Streets: Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): Total Acres:
Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 5,33,145,198,269 Waterways: San Luis Canal
Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] SEA
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS
[] Mit Neg Dec Other: [] FONSI

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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:

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Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres Employees
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Other: Aquifer Storage and Recovery

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:

Agriculture

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

See attachment.

State Clearinghouse Contact: (916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 8 - 30 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 9 - 30 - 2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

- X Resources
Boating & Waterways
Central Valley Flood Prot.
Coastal Comm
Colorado Rvr Bd
Conservation
CDFW # 4
Cal Fire
Historic Preservation
Parks & Rec
Bay Cons & Dev Comm.
DWR
Cal EPA
ARB: Airport & Freight
ARB: Transportation Projects
ARB: Major Industrial/Energy Resources, Recycl. & Recovery
SWRCB: Div. of Drinking Water
SWRCB: Div. Drinking Wtr #
SWRCB: Div. Financial Assist.
SWRCB: Wtr Quality
SWRCB: Wtr Rights
Reg. WQCB # 5F
Toxic Sub Ctrl-CTC
Yth/Adlt Corrections
Corrections
Independent Comm
Delta Protection Comm
Delta Stewardship Council
Energy Commission
NAHC
Public Utilities Comm
Santa Monica Bay Restoration
State Lands Comm
Tahoe Rgl Plan Agency
Conservancy
Other:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<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
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date August 30, 2019 Ending Date September 30, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Paul Schlegel Date: 8/29/19

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

Project Description: The Agricultural Aquifer Storage and Recovery (Ag-ASR) Program will be implemented within WWD's service area which includes 1,000 square miles of prime farmland on the west side of the San Joaquin Valley within Fresno County and Kings County. With the Ag-ASR Program, surface water from existing sources will be recharged into groundwater aquifers through groundwater wells during times when surplus or supplemental surface water is available, and later extracted by landowners for irrigation when it is needed. The Ag-ASR Program includes the incremental additions of about 20 well conversions per year for recharge with a conservatively high target of 400 operational Ag-ASR wells over the next 15 to 20 years. Most infrastructure is already in place.