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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Turnipseed Basin Phase IV Expansion Project

Lead Agency: Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District (DEID)

Contact Person: Eric Quinley, General Manager

Mailing Address: 14181 Avenue 24

Phone: (661) 725-2526

City: Delano

Zip: 93215

County: Tulare

Project Location: County: Tulare

City/Nearest Community: Delano

Cross Streets: Avenue 24 and Road 176

Zip Code: 93215

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 32 ° 49 ' 36.9 " N / 119 ° 11 ' 00.4 " W Total Acres: 160

Assessor's Parcel No.: 338-140-001

Section: 20

Twp.: 24S

Range: 26E

Base: M.D.B.&M

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: None

Waterways: Friant Kern Canal

Airports: None

Railways: None

Schools: None

Document Type:

CEQA: ☐ NOP
☐ Early Cons
☐ Neg Dec
☒ Mit Neg Dec

☐ Draft EIR
☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR
(Prior SCH No.)
Other:

NEPA: ☐ NOI
☐ EA
☐ Draft EIS
☐ FONSI

Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Final Document
☐ Other:

Local Action Type:

☐ General Plan Update
☐ General Plan Amendment
☐ General Plan Element
☐ Community Plan
☐ Specific Plan
☐ Master Plan
☐ Planned Unit Development
☐ Site Plan

☐ Rezone
☐ Prezone
☐ Use Permit
☐ Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)

☐ Annexation
☐ Redevelopment
☐ Coastal Permit
☐ Other:

Development Type:

☐ Residential: Units _____ Acres _____
☐ Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____
☐ Educational: _____
☐ Recreational: _____
☒ Water Facilities: Type Recharge Basin MGD _____

☐ Transportation: Type _____
☐ Mining: Mineral _____
☐ Power: Type _____ MW
☐ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD
☐ Hazardous Waste: Type _____
☐ Other: _____

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

☒ Aesthetic/Visual
☒ Agricultural Land
☒ Air Quality
☒ Archeological/Historical
☒ Biological Resources
☐ Coastal Zone
☒ Drainage/Absorption
☐ Economic/Jobs
☐ Fiscal
☒ Flood Plain/Flooding
☐ Forest Land/Fire Hazard
☒ Geologic/Seismic
☐ Minerals
☐ Noise
☐ Population/Housing Balance
☐ Public Services/Facilities

☐ Recreation/Parks
☐ Schools/Universities
☐ Septic Systems
☐ Sewer Capacity
☒ Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading
☐ Solid Waste
☐ Toxic/Hazardous
☒ Traffic/Circulation

☒ Vegetation
☐ Water Quality
☒ Water Supply/Groundwater
☐ Wetland/Riparian
☐ Growth Inducement
☒ Land Use
☐ Cumulative Effects
☐ Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Exclusive Agriculture - Minimum 20 Acres (AE-20)/Agriculture

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

Please see attached.

State Clearinghouse Contact:

(916) 445-0613

State Review Began: 9 - 6 - 2019

SCH COMPLIANCE 10 - 7 - 2019

Project Sent to the following State Agencies

☒ 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

CalSTA

Aeronautics
CHP
☒ Caltrans # 6
Trans Planning
Other
Education
Food & Agriculture
HCD
☒ OES

State/Consumer Svcs
General Services

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:

Please note State Clearinghouse Number
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Please forward late comments directly to the
Lead Agency

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(Resources: 9 / 7)

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District #6	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB #5
<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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region #4	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date September 6, 2019 Ending Date October 7, 2019

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: <u>Provost & Pritchard</u>	Applicant: <u>Eric Quinley, General Manager</u>
Address: <u>286 W. Cromwell Avenue</u>	Address: <u>14181 Avenue 24</u>
City/State/Zip: <u>Fresno, CA 93711</u>	City/State/Zip: <u>Delano, CA, 93215</u>
Contact: <u>Briza Sholars</u>	Phone: <u>(661) 725-2526</u>
Phone: <u>(559) 449-2700</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 09/04/2019

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

Project Description: DEID Turnipseed Basin Phase IV Expansion Project

The District is in the process of acquiring a 160-acre parcel (APN #338-140-001) immediately south of the existing Turnipseed Basin to provide for sustainable management of surface and groundwater. The proposed project is located in southwest Tulare County, northeast of the City of Delano.

The Proposed Project includes several phases of construction, including equipment mobilization, earthwork for excavation of recharge/regulation basins and construction of basin perimeter berms of no greater than six feet in external height. Project components could include ponds/cells within the basin separated by levees, performance testing, and demobilization.

The District will excavate approximately 55,000 cubic yards of material from the site to form the overall basin. The basin will be further divided into approximately eight (8) cells to increase storage over varying topography. The Project will include a settling channel on the east side and an overflow basin along its western edge. The Project may also construct a network of monitoring wells if needed to supplement existing monitoring wells associated with the existing banking operations that currently exist in proximity to the Project. The only pipelines contemplated in the Project would serve to introduce water for recharge/banking via connection to a tee in the existing Ave 24 mainline and pipeline at the southeast corner of the project and interconnections with the existing recharge cells just north of the Project site.

DELANO-EARLIMART IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TURNIPSEED BASIN PHASE IV EXPANSION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District (DEID) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Turnipseed Basin Phase IV Expansion Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 4:00pm, at the District Office, 14181 Avenue 24, Delano, CA 93215.

The District is in the process of acquiring an existing 160-acre walnut orchard (APN #338-140-001) south of the existing Turnipseed Basin to provide for sustainable management of surface and groundwater. The proposed project is located in southwest Tulare County, northeast of the City of Delano.

The Proposed Project includes several phases of construction, including equipment mobilization, earthwork for excavation of recharge/regulation basins and construction of basin perimeter berms of no greater than six feet in external height. Project components could include ponds/cells within the basin separated by levees, performance testing, and demobilization.

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Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office, 14181 Avenue 24, Delano, CA 93215. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on September 6, 2019 and end on October 7, 2019. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 286 West Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.