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Turlock Subbasin Technical Advisory Committees – Program Environmental Impact Report Briefing

Topics

- West and East Turlock Subbasin GSP PEIR
 - Overview and Scope of PEIR
 - Analysis/Methodology
 - Schedule
 - Document review durations
 - Ad-Hoc PEIR meetings
- Questions

Overview and Scope of PEIR – Why Program-Level?

- Type of CEQA Document - Program Environmental Impact Report
- Why Program-Level?
 - The plan-level nature of GSPs and the uncertainty concerning the extent to which the GSPs would result in any particular site-specific project or management action
 - Informs the public and the West and East Turlock Subbasin GSAs about the potentially significant program-level environmental effects of implementing the Proposed Project (GSPs).

Overview and Scope of PEIR – Benefits of Program-Level?

- Streamlines the CEQA process for site-specific GSP projects and management actions through tiering or incorporating by reference information from the PEIR
 - CEQA Addendum (if PEIR analysis covers all)
 - Supplemental IS/MND or EIR (if minor changes to projects/management actions in PEIR)
 - Subsequent IS/MND or EIR (if major changes to projects/management actions in PEIR)
- Coverage for program-level systemwide operational impacts
- Coverage for program-level alternatives

Overview and Scope of PEIR – Analysis and Methodology

- Many types of projects and management actions could be implemented under the GSPs (e.g., recycled water, ag recharge, regulating reservoirs, flood control recharge, demand management, intertie projects, etc.).
- Specific project details, such as project sizes, configurations, locations, and operations, are not known at this time. Therefore, each resource section will address the potential range of impacts and mitigation measures for the types of projects and management actions that could be implemented under the GSPs.
- The PEIR will describe impacts and mitigation measures for construction and operations and maintenance activities associated with projects and management actions to be covered under the GSPs.
- Some construction/operational assumptions may be adopted from existing studies and environmental documents (e.g., Group 1 Projects).

Overview and Scope of PEIR – Anticipated Schedule

- **NOP Development:**
 - 11/9/21 through 12/8/2021
- **Public release of NOP (30 days):**
 - 12/8/2021 through 1/7/2022
- **Admin Draft PEIR (Project Description, Alternatives, and Admin Draft, including GSA reviews and AB52 consultation):**
 - 11/9/2021 through 5/27/2022

Overview and Scope of PEIR – Anticipated Schedule

- **2nd Admin, Screencheck, and Public Draft PEIR:**
 - 5/21/2022 through 7/22/2022
- **Public Draft PEIR release (45 calendar days):**
 - 7/22/2022 through 9/5/2022
- **Admin and Public Final PEIR:**
 - 9/6/2022 through 2/13/2023
- **NOD released:**
 - 2/13/2023

Overview and Scope of PEIR – GSA review durations

- **Smaller documents/sections (e.g., project description/alternatives):**
 - 5-10 working days
- **PEIR Admin drafts:**
 - 15 working days
- **PEIR Final drafts:**
 - 5-10 working days

Ad-Hoc PEIR Meetings

- Scheduled every other week
- Objective of meetings:
 - Inform team of upcoming document reviews
 - Discuss and gain feedback on PEIR elements (e.g., components of project description, impact methodology, significance thresholds, mitigation measures, etc.)
 - Provide coordination with other ongoing elements of the GSP

Questions?