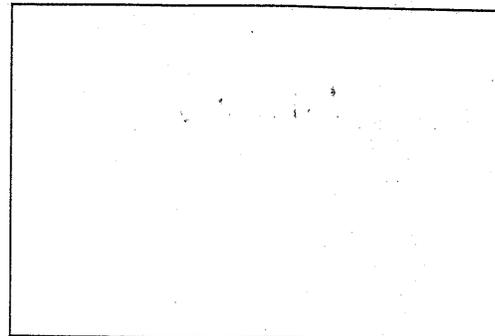


Notice of Exemption

Fee Exempt per Government Code Section 6103

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Visalia, California 93291



Lead Agency: Department of Water Resources, 901 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Applicant: Drought Management Team Department of Water Resources, 901 P Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Title: Provide Potable Water to Approximately 500 Properties (Phase 1 Water Supply Project)

Project Location City: City of Porterville and Unincorporated Community of East Porterville

Project Location County: Tulare

Project Location – Specific: Pipeline, booster pumps, and laterals would be installed within an area bound by South Main Street to the west; East Olive Avenue to the north; Road 284 to the east; and State Route 190 to the South. The attached figure shows the pipeline

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project: Vandalia, a community within the City of Porterville (City), and East Porterville, an unincorporated community in Tulare County, currently do not have a public water system and residents have historically received household water by private wells. The area is underlain by a shallow aquifer that is recharged by flows from the Tule River. Because of the ongoing drought and limited surface flows in the Tule River, the aquifer is experiencing a significant drawdown resulting in wells drying up. DWR has identified approximately 500 properties within these areas that have experienced dry wells and do not have household water supplies, creating a significant hardship for the residents. DWR would install approximately 12 miles of pipeline; booster pumps; and laterals from the pipeline to the affected residences. These newly installed structures would be connected to the City's water system thereby mitigating the effects of drought and creating a long-term sustainable municipal water supply.

Exempt/Suspend Status:

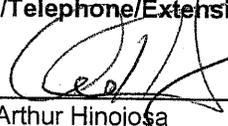
- Ministerial (§ 21080[b][1]; 15268)
- Declared Emergency (Proclamation of a State of Emergency Due to Drought)
- Emergency Project (Public Resources Code §21080[b][4]; California Code of Regulations §15269[c])
- Categorical Exemption (§15303 [New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure])
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons why project is exempt: Governor Edmund G. Brown Junior has declared a Proclamation of State of Emergency and a Proclamation of a Continued State of Emergency due to the drought and has suspended CEQA for projects to provide emergency domestic water supplies pursuant to the Proclamations and Executive Orders B-26-14, B-28-14, B-29-15, and B-36-15. This project falls under this suspension by providing a water supply to these residents. In addition, the proposed project would be exempt from CEQA on the grounds that the project is consistent with Public Resources Code §21080(b)(4) and California Code of Regulations §15269(c) as a specific action necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency. An emergency demands immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of life and essential public services. Moreover, the project will not result in any potentially significant effects to the environment.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Water Resources

Contact Person: Stuart (Greg) Farley, P.E.

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (916) 653-5940

Signature: 
Arthur Hinojosa

Date: 6/15/16

Title: Division Chief IRWM

- Signed by Lead Agency
- Signed by Applicant

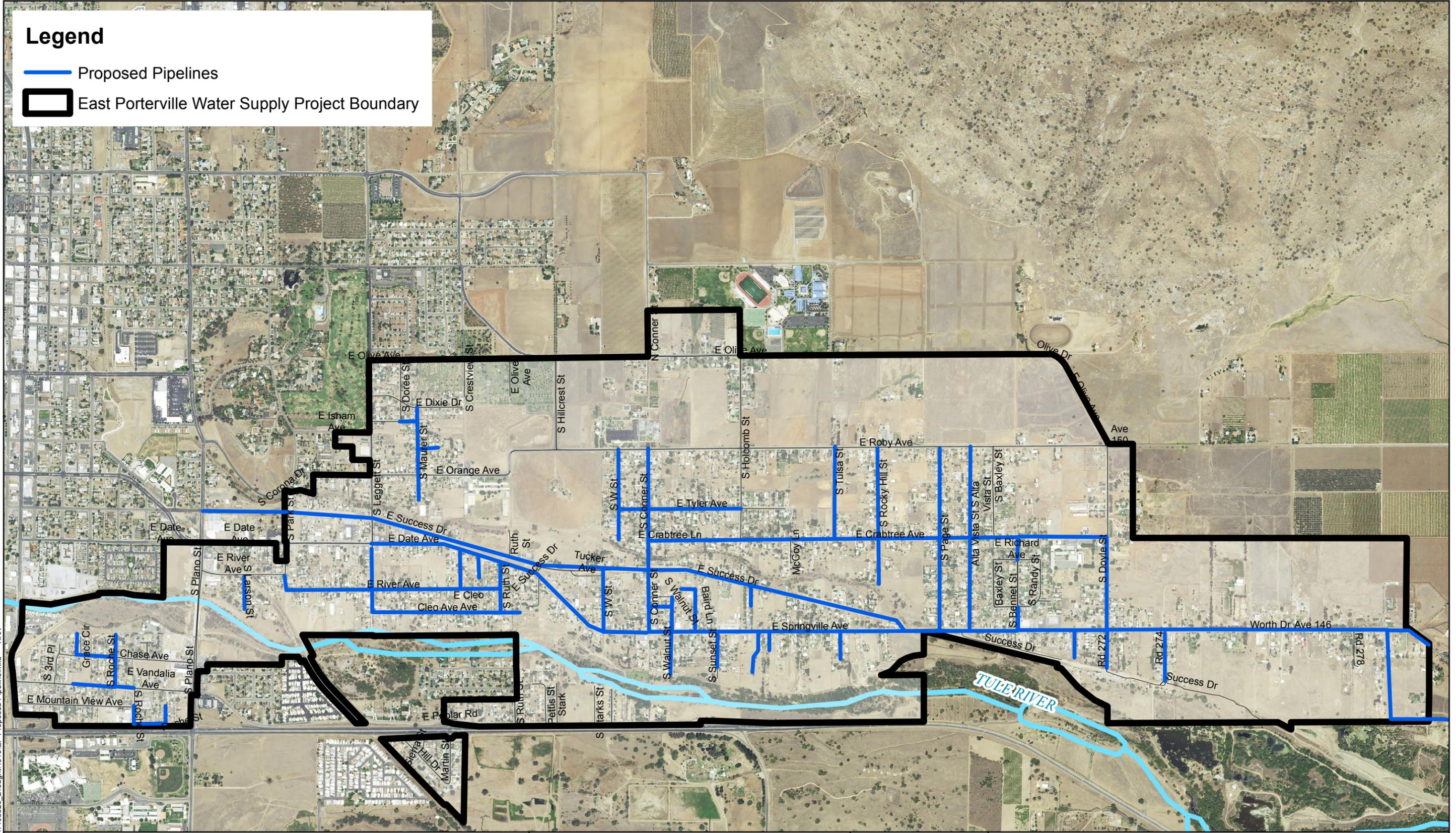
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Legend

-  Proposed Pipelines
-  East Porterville Water Supply Project Boundary



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