

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Western Dublin Recycled Water Project, California

### Finding of No Significant Impact

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## Background

Reclamation may provide the lesser of 25% or \$20 million of construction costs to the Dublin San Ramon Services District (DSRSD), if and when authorized by Congress, to extend recycled water distribution pipelines to serve landscape irrigation demands at several schools, parks, streetscapes and medians, and the common area of developed areas in Western Dublin.

DSRSD has identified four primary objectives for the proposed action:

1. Expand utilization of available recycled water to customers that are currently using potable water supply for irrigation.
2. Reduce importation of potable water from the San Francisco Bay Delta and the State Water Project.
3. Reduce discharge of wastewater into San Francisco Bay.
4. Reduce energy consumption and DSRSD's carbon footprint

DSRSD will install approximately 11,560 feet of 8-inch pipeline, 1,300 feet of 6-inch pipeline, and 4,760 feet of 4-inch pipeline within existing developed roadways, landscaped areas and bike paths. The majority of the distribution pipelines will be connected to the existing 12-inch DSRSD main located on Amador Valley Boulevard.

The project falls under Reclamation's Water Reclamation and Reuse Program, as authorized by the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992, or Title XVI of Public Law 102-575 (Title XVI). Title XVI provides a mechanism for Federal participation and cost-sharing in approved water reuse projects. As the agency with discretionary approval over the provision of this Federal funding should Congress authorize the project, Reclamation is acting as the lead agency under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and has prepared the attached Environmental Assessment (EA) to evaluate the effects of the proposed action. The EA was available for public review on July 14, 2015. The review period ended on July 28, 2015. No comments were received on the EA.

## Findings

Based on the attached EA, Reclamation finds that the Proposed Action is not a major Federal action that will significantly affect the quality of the human environment. The attached EA describes the existing environmental resources in the Proposed Action area and evaluates the effects of No Action on the resources. The EA was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), and Department of the Interior Regulations (43 CFR Part 46). The analysis provided in the attached EA is incorporated by reference.

Following are the reasons why the impacts of the Proposed Action are not significant:

1. The proposed action will not significantly affect public health or safety (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(3)).
2. The proposed action will not significantly impact natural resources and unique geographical characteristics such as historic or cultural resources; parks, recreation, and refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands (Executive Order (EO) 11990); flood plains (EO 11988); national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(3) and 43 CFR 46.215(b)).
3. The proposed action will not have possible effects on the human environment that are highly uncertain or involve unique or unknown risks (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(5)).
4. The proposed action will neither establish a precedent for future actions with significant effects nor represent a decision in principle about a future consideration (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(6)).
5. There is no potential for the effects to be considered highly controversial (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(4)).
6. The proposed action will not have significant cumulative impacts (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(7)).
7. The proposed action will not affect historic properties (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(8)).
8. The proposed action will not affect listed or proposed threatened or endangered species (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(9)).
9. The proposed action will not violate federal, state, tribal or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment (40 CFR 1508.27(b)(10)).
10. The proposed action will not affect any Indian Trust Assets (512 DM 2, Policy Memorandum dated December 15, 1993).
11. Implementing the proposed action will not disproportionately affect minorities or low-income populations and communities (EO 12898).
12. The proposed action will not limit access to, and ceremonial use of, Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly adversely affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites (EO 13007 and 512 DM 3).