

# RECLAMATION

*Managing Water in the West*

## Finding of No Significant Impact

South Bay Water Recycling Program  
San Jose Schools  
Mid-Pacific Region  
Sacramento, California

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## **Background**

The City of San Jose (City) has planned and implemented the San Jose Nonpotable Reclamation Project, now known as the South Bay Water Recycling Program (Program), to provide recycled water from the San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant for industrial and a variety of irrigation uses, including agriculture and landscaping in institutional, commercial, and residential areas. The Program includes installing pipelines, pump stations, storage tanks, and appurtenant facilities. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), pursuant to funding provided through Title XVI of Public Law 102-575, the Reclamation Wastewater and Groundwater Study and Facilities Act of 1992, and has been providing up to 25 percent of the total cost to the City to help fund the Program. Funding is also being provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (P.L. 111-5).

The City certified a final Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Program in November 1992. Reclamation released a final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Program in May 1996 and issued a Record of Decision in July 1996. The EIR and EIS included both project-level analysis for those facilities and users that had been identified at that time, and programmatic-level analysis for the remainder of the Program.

Since then, the City has expanded the service area and slightly revised the distribution facilities. Reclamation prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) and signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on December 3, 1996 for these changes.

The City has continued to design additional pipelines and associated facilities within the Program area. For these additional projects, the City has adopted addenda to the Program EIR, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. Reclamation has continued to provide funding for these projects under Title XVI, and has prepared EAs and categorical exclusion checklists as appropriate, tiering off of the original EIS, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act.

## **Project Description**

The San Jose Schools Pipeline Extension (Proposed Action) is located within the City of San Jose (Figures 1-4). The extensions total about 5,010 feet, and consist of 6-inch and 8-inch pipeline segments as follows:



- Schools segment A. Santa Clara Street teeing onto 21<sup>st</sup> Street. A gate valve will be installed on Santa Clara Street at the end of the pipe and service valves on 21<sup>st</sup> Street and Santa Clara Street.



Figure 1, Schools A Project Map

- Schools segment B. The pipeline will be connected to the existing recycled water system on McLaughlin Avenue include two gate valves at each end of the pipe. The pipeline tees at Lightland Road and terminates at a service valve.



Figure 2, Schools B Project Map



- Schools segment C. The Classico Avenue segment connects to the existing recycled water pipeline at Alessandro Drive to slightly west of Bianco Way terminating at a service valve on Classico Avenue. The pipeline tees from Classico Avenue onto Bianco Way terminating at a service valve.

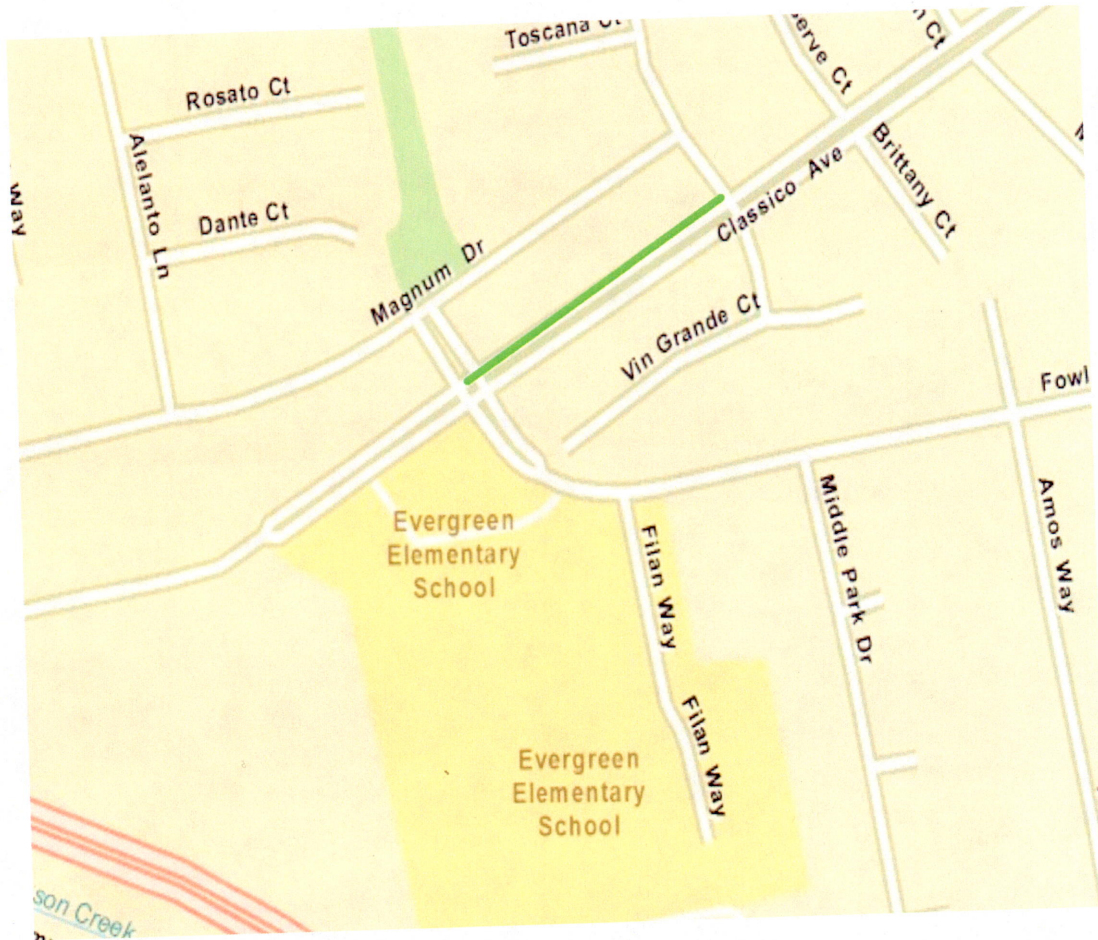


Figure 3, Schools C Project Map