

Grant Application for Flood Protection Corridor Program
Applicant: Reclamation District 2107
Supplemental CEQA Information

This document is intended to supplement the CEQA checklist. The proposed project is not expected to create significant environmental impacts both because of the limited scope of the project, and because of the built-in mitigations being provided. The following comments are provided to support the conclusions in the CEQA checklist.

- Ia. The scenic value of the project is limited to viewing from the San Joaquin River. Because it is all located behind existing levees, the only change visible to the public will be the degraded levee segments. However, the existing levee includes rip-rap, the use of rip-rap at these degraded sections is not considered a problem. The addition of trees along the San Joaquin River frontage is anticipated to mitigate any negative issues related to the degraded section of levee.
- Ib. See 1a above.
- Iia. The only farm land converted to non-agricultural use will be the small section under the setback levee. This 100 foot wide strip is negligible, considering the fact that 165 acres of farmland will be preserved long term due to the purchase of a flood easement over this land.
- Iic. See Iia above
- III. The only air quality impacts will be associated with construction of the setback levee and degradation of the existing levee. These potential impacts will be mitigated by implementing the standard Air District mandates to limit the air quality impact of construction and land disturbance.
- IV. The proposed setback levee will be located on land that is currently under cultivation. This will limit any impact upon biological resources. Similarly, the degraded sections of the existing levee is basically devoid of any vegetation, and will therefore have a less than significant impact upon biological resources. The addition of SRA habitat and improvement of the pond habitat is considered an improvement, and not an impact.
- V. There are no known cultural resources in the project area.

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- VIIb. Potential soil erosion at the degraded sections of the existing levee, along the setback levee and the enhanced levee will be mitigated by the addition of rip-rap.
- VII. No hazardous materials are known to exist on the site, and any hazardous materials used in the farming operation will be consistent with materials used in the current farming operation, and would therefore not represent new impacts.
- VIII. Although the project would alter drainage patterns, including the course of the river during higher flows, the alteration is considered beneficial. Therefore, no negative impact is anticipated. In addition, since the water that is diverted from the river into the provided transitory storage will be returned to the river when the flow subsides, no permanent diversion of water will occur.
- IX. The project is consistent with existing zoning.
- X. No known mineral resources will be lost.
- XI. The only noise that would be created would be during construction. Due to the location of the project, it will only subject one adjacent property owner to construction noise. However, this impact is insignificant when compared to noise coming from the adjacent elevated railroad tracks and the adjacent mining operation.
- XII. No population will be displaced, and no homes will be constructed in the floodplain.
- XIII. There will be no new demand for public services.
- XIV. There will be no impact upon recreation facilities.
- XV. There will be a very short lived increase in traffic as fill is hauled into the site to facilitate construction of the setback levees. However, this traffic is insignificant when compared with the truck traffic now generated from the adjacent sand mining operation.
- XVI. New storm drainage facilities will be constructed to drain the project area after the adjacent river has subsided. However, this is not considered a significant impact.