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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

Title: Riverbank-Crane Diversion Structure Replacement Project

Project Location: The Oakdale Irrigation District Riverbank Lateral, within the City of Oakdale in Stanislaus County

Project Description:

The Oakdale Irrigation District (OID) Riverbank-Crane Diversion Structure Replacements Project (Project) proposes to remove and replace the existing structure with a new structure equipped with automated overshot gates capable of managing a dynamic irrigation flow demand. As part of this Project, approximately 420 linear feet of open ditch (portions of Riverbank and Crane Laterals) is proposed to be converted to a dual pipeline system comprised of approximately 349 linear feet of 72" concrete pipeline and approximately 371 linear feet of 60" concrete pipeline. In addition, this Project will include the removal and replacement of a Riverbank Lateral turnout with a new precast turnout structure equipped with a slide gate, stilling well assembly, an ultrasonic flow measurement device, and approximately 60 linear feet of 18" PVC pipeline. All automated gates and flow measurement products will be integrated into OID's SCADA system. The Project consists of the replacement of existing public facilities used for the conveyance of irrigation surface water and will result in negligible or no expansion of capacity. All construction activities will take place within OID's existing rights-of-way for the Crane and Riverbank Laterals, and an additional laydown area will be utilized to stage equipment and materials. The Project site is located approximately 1,570 linear feet downstream (southwest) of the point where South Yosemite Avenue crosses the Riverbank Lateral. It can be more specifically described as lying within the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, T2S, R10E, MDB&M.

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Project Purpose:

The Riverbank-Crane Diversion Structure diverts irrigation water to more than 6,500 acres of irrigated land spread over two Distribution System Operator (DSO) divisions. Those lands have experienced substantial shifts from seasonal to permanent crops such as walnuts and almonds in recent years. As a result, the flow dynamic at the diversion structure has changed significantly. Flow demand fluctuations have increased which has made it more difficult to efficiently meet downstream demand while mitigating spill in two separate divisions, accounting for numerous points of drainage and reclamation inflow, and maintaining consistent upstream pool levels for steady flow rates to farmers' turnouts. Given the complexities of the system, the Riverbank-Crane Diversion Structure needs to be replaced and automated.

Project Proponents: Oakdale Irrigation District

Project Beneficiaries: Oakdale Irrigation District

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Oakdale Irrigation District

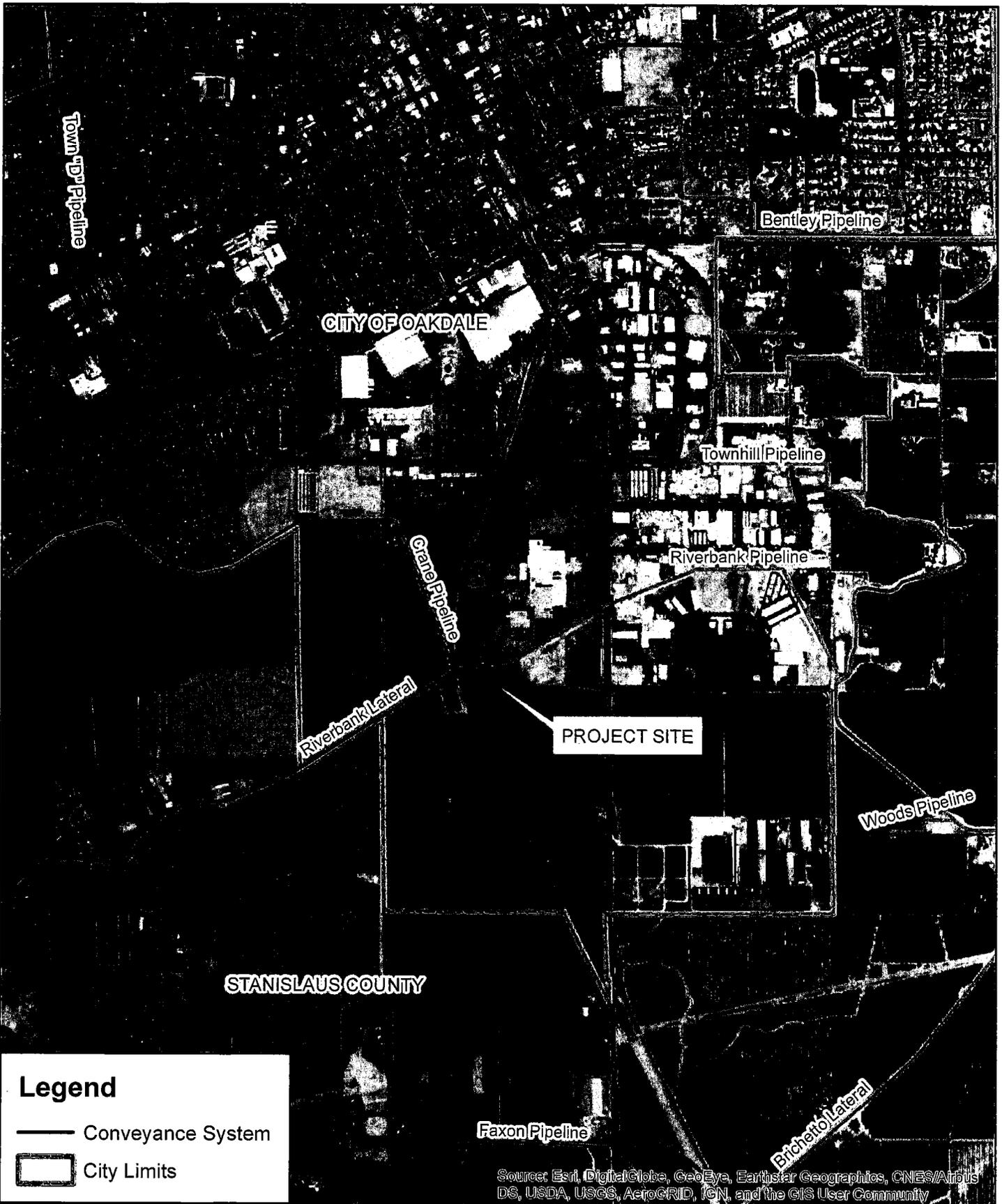
Exempt Status: Categorical Exemption (14 Cal. Code of Regulations, Sec. 15302 Class 2 (c) Replacement or reconstruction of existing utility systems and/or facilities involving negligible or no expansion of capacity).

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: The Project consists of the replacement of existing public facilities used for the conveyance of irrigation surface water and will result in negligible or no expansion of capacity.

Dated: 9/8/2020



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Legend

-  Conveyance System
-  City Limits

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**PROJECT SITE MAP
 OLD RIVERBANK-CRANE
 DIVERSION STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT**

Source: Esri, DigitalGlobe, GeoEye, Earthstar Geographics, CNES/Airbus DS, USDA, USGS, AeroGRID, IGN, and the GIS User Community

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