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Please submit by 5:00 p.m. on August 3, 2015, to [UFR.contact@gmail.com](mailto:UFR.contact@gmail.com)

Please provide information in the tables below:

#### I. PROJECT PROPONENT INFORMATION

<b>Agency / Organization</b>	Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District (SVRCD)
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<b>Other Cooperating Agencies / Organizations / Stakeholders</b>	County of Sierra, County of Plumas, and Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company, U.S. Forest Service
<b>Is your agency/organization committed to the project through completion? If not, please explain</b>	Yes

#### II. GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

<b>Project Title</b>	ALS-6: Sierra Valley Ag. Water Diversion Efficiency, Improvement
<b>Project Category</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Agricultural Land Stewardship</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Floodplains/Meadows/Waterbodies</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Municipal Services</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Tribal Advisory Committee</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Uplands/Forest</b>
<b>Project Description</b> (Briefly describe the project, in 300 words or less)	The Sierra Valley Water Company operates and maintains a diversion dam and conveyance channel allowing water from the Little Truckee River to be diverted under specific conditions and during a specific season into the Feather River watershed (Sierra Valley). The proposed project is a feasibility study in support of a mechanism for conduit to be installed from the diversion dam for approximately 2.5 miles to significantly increase agricultural water use efficiency and to restore the watercourse ecosystem from Little Truckee Summit to Onion Valley. This project will significantly reduce water loss from the conveyance channel due to seepage and remove significant erosive conditions and sediment loading that is evident along the route of the diversion ditch into Sierra Valley. Current losses are approximately 25% of the water diverted. This project will prevent further scouring and deepening of the channel that is presently over fifteen (15) feet in depth to the watercourse; stop erosion and sedimentation that is annually contributing to a significant impact into the downstream ecosystem and meadows; and make significant contributions to improving water quality. The

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	efficiencies in delivery of agricultural water to Sierra Valley under the 1870 water right will also be significantly improved. This is a phased project beginning with the feasibility study. If proven feasibility, phase 2 will include CEQA, and phase 3 implementation.
<b>Project Location Description</b> (e.g., along the south bank of stream/river between river miles or miles from Towns/intersection and/or address):	T19N R14E Sections 11, 14 & 15
<b>Latitude:</b>	39.49262/39.50815
<b>Longitude:</b>	-120.30105/-120.285420

**III. APPLICABLE IRWM PLAN OBJECTIVES ADDRESSED**

For each of the objectives addressed by the project, provide a one to two sentence description of how the project contributes to attaining the objective and how the project outcomes will be quantified. If the project does not address *any* of the IRWM plan objectives, provide a one to two sentence description of how the project relates to a challenge or opportunity of the Region.

<b>Upper Feather River IRWM Objectives:</b>	<b>Will the project address the objective?</b>	<b>Brief explanation of project linkage to selected Objective</b>	<b>Quantification</b> (e.g. acres of streams/wetlands restored or enhanced)
Restore natural hydrologic functions.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Reduce/eliminate erosion, down cutting and sedimentation of existing channel and ultimately Feather River System	Sediment Load
Reduce potential for catastrophic wildland fires in the Region.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Build communication and collaboration among water resources stakeholders in the Region.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	There is an opportunity to enhance and further partnership capacity with the Sierra Valley RCD, Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company, U.S. Forest Service, and representatives of the IRWM	Public Meetings and Partnerships
Work with DWR to develop strategies and actions for the management, operation, and control of SWP facilities in the Upper Feather River Watershed in order to increase water supply, recreational, and environmental benefits to the Region.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		

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Encourage municipal service providers to participate in regional water management actions that improve water supply and water quality.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Continue to actively engage in FERC relicensing of hydroelectric facilities in the Region.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Address economic challenges of municipal service providers to serve customers.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Protect, restore, and enhance the quality of surface and groundwater resources for all beneficial uses, consistent with the RWQC Basin Plan.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	The project will restore ecological function of the riparian and stream system(s)	Acres of riparian habitat and stream miles restored
Address water resources and wastewater needs of DACs and Native Americans.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Coordinate management of recharge areas and protect groundwater resources.	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		
Improve coordination of land use and water resources planning.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	There is an opportunity to enhance and further partnership capacity with the Sierra Valley RCD, Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company, U.S. Forest Service, and representatives of the IRWM	Public Meetings and Partnerships
Maximize agricultural, environmental and municipal water use efficiency.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Implementation of the project will eliminate historic seepage and water delivery loss	Acre Feet delivered to Sierra Valley
Effectively address climate change adaptation and/or mitigation in water resources management.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	To improve its resiliency to climate change, this project will replace an unlined ditch subject to approximately 25% water losses with a pipeline that is expected to result in water losses of less than approximately 5%. This allows the Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company to maintain their current level of service to customers with a	Acre Feet delivered to Sierra Valley

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		decrease in consumptive water use. Reducing consumptive water use improves resiliency to climate change variability, the effects of which may decrease availability of surface water through decrease in snowpack and increase in flash precipitation events.	
Improve efficiency and reliability of water supply and other water-related infrastructure.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	This project will replace an unlined ditch subject to approximately 25% water losses (from leaks and evaporation) with a pipeline that is expected to result in water losses of less than approximately 5%. This will improve efficiency of water delivery/use by ensuring the final delivery of a higher percentage of diverted water.	Acre Feet delivered to Sierra Valley. Reduce losses from ~25% to 5%.
Enhance public awareness and understanding of water management issues and needs.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	There is an opportunity to enhance and further partnership capacity with the Sierra Valley RCD, Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company, U.S. Forest Service, and representatives of the IRWM	Public Meetings and Partnerships
Address economic challenges of agricultural producers.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	More efficient delivery of water will result in more consistent and greater production of forage and agricultural crops. This level of increased flow is critical for sustainability during drought years.	Acre Feet delivered to Sierra Valley
Work with counties/ communities/groups to make sure staff capacity exists for actual administration and implementation of grant funding.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Current and demonstrated capacity exists with the Sierra Valley RCD and Sierra County	Partnership with Sierra County and Sierra Valley RCD

If no objectives are addressed, describe how the project relates to a challenge or opportunity for the Region:

#### IV. PROJECT IMPACTS AND BENEFITS

Please provide a summary of the expected project benefits and impacts in the table below or check N/A if not applicable; **do not leave a blank cell**. Note that DWR encourages multi-benefit projects.

If applicable, describe benefits or impacts of the project with respect to:		
<b>a. Native American Tribal Communities</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<b>b. Disadvantaged Communities<sup>1</sup></b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	Sierraville (Sierra County) is a designated disadvantaged community and the project is located within this community. This project alone, however, does not address a critical water resource need for the community.
<b>c. Environmental Justice<sup>2</sup></b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<b>d. Drought Preparedness</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	The project will replace an unlined ditch subject to approximately 25% water losses with a pipeline that is expected to result in water losses of less than approximately 5%.
<b>e. Assist the region in adapting to effects of climate change<sup>3</sup></b>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	To improve its resiliency to climate change, this project will replace an unlined ditch subject to approximately 25% water losses with a pipeline that is expected to result in water losses of less than approximately 5%. This allows the SVMWC to maintain their current level of service to customers with a decrease in consumptive water use. Reducing consumptive water use improves resiliency to climate change variability, the effects of which may decrease availability of surface water through decrease in snowpack and increase in flash precipitation events.
<b>f. Generation or reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (e.g. green technology)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	This project is a feasibility study and therefore will not impact GHG. However, construction-related GHG emissions reduction strategies will be considered in the design stage of project development.
<b>g. Other expected impacts or benefits that are not already mentioned elsewhere</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
<p><sup>1</sup> A Disadvantaged Community is defined as a community with an annual median household (MHI) income that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide annual MHI. DWR's DAC mapping is available on the UFR website (<a href="http://featherriver.org/maps/">http://featherriver.org/maps/</a>).</p> <p><sup>2</sup> Environmental Justice is defined as the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies. An example of environmental justice benefit would be to improve conditions (e.g. water supply, flooding, sanitation) in an area of racial minorities.</p> <p><sup>3</sup> Climate change effects are likely to include increased flooding, extended drought, and associated</p>		

secondary effects such as increased wildfire risk, erosion, and sedimentation.

DWR encourages multiple benefit projects which address one or more of the following elements (PRC §75026(a)). Indicate which elements are addressed by your project.

a. Water supply reliability, water conservation, water use efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	g. Drinking water treatment and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
b. Stormwater capture, storage, clean-up, treatment, management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	h. Watershed protection and management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
c. Removal of invasive non-native species, creation/enhancement of wetlands, acquisition/protection/restoration of open space and watershed lands	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	i. Contaminant and salt removal through reclamation/desalting, other treatment technologies and conveyance of recycled water for distribution to users	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
d. Non-point source pollution reduction, management and monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	j. Planning and implementation of multipurpose flood management programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A
e. Groundwater recharge and management projects	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	k. Ecosystem and fisheries restoration and protection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
f. Water banking, exchange, reclamation, and improvement of water quality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

**V. RESOURCE MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

For each resource management strategy (RMS) employed by the project, provide a one to two sentence description in the table below of how the project incorporates the strategy. A description of the RMS can be found in Volume 2 of the 2013 California Water Plan (<http://featherriver.org/2013-california-water-plan-update/>).

Resource Management Strategy	Will the Project incorporate RMS?	Description of how RMS to be employed, if applicable
<b>Reduce Water Demand</b>		
Agricultural Water Use Efficiency	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Increase water use efficiency through a decrease in water losses in the Ditch that supplies water for agricultural use.
Urban water use efficiency	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Improve Flood Management</b>		
Flood management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Improve Operational Efficiency and Transfers</b>		
Conveyance – regional/local	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Increase water use efficiency through a decrease in water losses in the Ditch that supplies water for agricultural use and down stream flows
System reoperation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Water transfers	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Increase Water Supply</b>		
Conjunctive management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reduction in lost surface water from the

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		diversion will likely translate to less groundwater pumping for irrigation on fields served by both sources, i.e., will allow for improved conjunctive management by irrigators.
Precipitation Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Municipal recycled water	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Surface storage – regional/local	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Improve Water Quality</b>		
Drinking water treatment and distribution	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Groundwater remediation/aquifer remediation	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Matching water quality to water use	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Pollution prevention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reduce/eliminate erosion, down cutting and sedimentation of existing channel and ultimately Feather River System
Salt and salinity management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Urban storm water runoff management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
<b>Practice Resource Stewardship</b>		
Agricultural land stewardship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reduce/eliminate erosion, current turbidity levels and increase efficiency of water received to agricultural users.
Ecosystem restoration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	The project will restore ecological function of the riparian, stream system(s) and aquatic biota
Forest management	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Land use planning and management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Project will adhere to CEQA/NEPA and Sierra County Land Use Planning. Project under feasibility study involves the orderly and planned use of water resources, with a view to securing the physical and economic well-being of rural communities and producers.
Recharge area protection	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Sediment management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reduce/eliminate erosion, current turbidity levels and increase efficiency of water received to agricultural users.
Watershed management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Reduce/eliminate erosion, current turbidity levels and increase efficiency of water received to agricultural users.

Resource Management Strategy	Will the Project incorporate RMS?	Description of how RMS to be employed, if applicable
People and Water		
Economic incentives	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Outreach and engagement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	There is an opportunity to enhance and further partnership capacity with the Sierra Valley RCD, Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company, U.S. Forest Service, and representatives of the IRWM as well as through public scoping.
Water and culture	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Water-dependent recreation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Project will increase flows and aquatic biota – increased angling opportunities
Wastewater/NPDES	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Other RMS addressed and explanation:

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**VI. PROJECT COST AND FINANCING**

Please provide any estimates of project cost, sources of funding, and operation and maintenance costs, as well as the source of the project cost in the table below.

PROJECT BUDGET					
Project serves a need of a DAC?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
Funding Match Waiver request?: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No					
	Category	Requested Grant Amount	Cost Share: Non-State Fund Source* (Funding Match)	Cost Share: Other State Fund Source*	Total Cost
a.	Direct Project Administration	\$15,000	0	0	\$15,000
b.	Land Purchase/Easement	0	0	0	0
c.	Planning/Design/Engineering / Environmental	\$135,000	0	0	\$135,000
d.	Construction/Implementation	0	0	0	
e.	Environmental Compliance/Mitigation/Enhancement	0	0	0	0
f.	Construction Administration	0	0	0	0
g.	Other Costs	0	0	0	0
h.	Construction/Implementation Contingency	0	0	0	0
i.	Grand Total (Sum rows (a) through (h) for each column)	\$150,000	0	0	\$150,000



j.	<b>Can the Project be phased?</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide cost breakdown by phases			
		<b>Project Cost</b>	<b>O&amp;M Cost</b>	<b>Description of Phase</b>
	Phase 1	\$150,000	0	Feasibility Study/Analysis
	Phase 2	\$250,000	0	CEQA/NEPA
	Phase 3	\$1,800,000	0	Project Construction & Implementation
	Phase 4			
k.	<b>Explain how operation and maintenance costs will be financed for the 20-year planning period for project implementation (not grant funded).</b>		Project O&M would be financed by Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company. All current maintenance costs of existing conveyance system are accomplished by Sierra Valley Mutual Water System	
l.	<b>Has a Cost/Benefit analysis been completed?</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No (cost-benefit will be addressed in feasibility study)	
m.	<b>Describe what impact there may be if the project is not funded (300 words or less)</b>		Continuation of approximately 25% water losses to agricultural/livestock producers in Sierra Valley. Without project funding, there will be a higher level of impacts to groundwater during drought events through well development and significant groundwater usage. In addition, the conveyance system is dated 1870 and will continue to lose efficiency at a higher rate in the future if remedial action is not taken in the immediate term. There is also potential for complete catastrophic failure of the ditch if not addressed, which would likely cause substantial reverse of flow/loss of irrigation for the remainder of the season, erosion and substantially increased cost to repair, as well as environmental damage.	
*List all sources of funding. Note: See Project Development Manual, Exhibit B, for assistance in completing this table ( <a href="http://featherriver.org/documents/">http://featherriver.org/documents/</a> ).				

**VIII. PROJECT STATUS AND SCHEDULE**

Please provide a status of the project, level of completion as well as a description of the activities planned for each project stage. If unknown, enter **TBD**.

Project Stage	Check the Current Project Stage	Completed?	Description of Activities in Each Project Stage	Planned/ Actual Start Date (mm/yr)	Planned/ Actual Completion Date (mm/yr)
a. Assessment and Evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		11/01/2015	10/31/2016
b. Final Design	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A		Pending Assessment Completion	

<b>c. Environmental Documentation (CEQA / NEPA)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		Pending Assessment Completion	
<b>d. Permitting</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		Pending Assessment Completion	
<b>e. Construction Contracting</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		Pending Assessment Completion	
<b>f. Construction Implementation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		Pending Assessment Completion	
<b>Provide explanation if more than one project stage is checked as current status</b>					

**IX. PROJECT TECHNICAL FEASIBILITY**

Please provide any related documents (date, title, author, and page numbers) that describe and confirm the technical feasibility of the project. See [www.featherriver.org/catalog/index.php](http://www.featherriver.org/catalog/index.php) for documents gathered on the UFR Region.

<p><b>a. List the adopted planning documents the proposed project is consistent with or supported by</b> (e.g. General Plans, UWMPs, GWMPs, Water Master Plan, Habitat Conservation Plans, TMDLs, Basin Plans, etc.).</p>	<p>TROA EIR/EIS and the Truckee River Operating Agreement; Settlement Agreement by and between SPPCo, Washoe County Water Conservation District, Sierra Valley Water Company; Water Quality Plan for the Lahontan Region; California DWR Bulletin 118 and the Northeastern Counties Investigation. Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District-Management Plan and annual updates; the DWP Environmental Study for Sierra Valley dated 1973; the Upper Feather River Watershed (UFRW) Irrigation Discharge Management Program dated 2007</p>
<p><b>b. List technical reports and studies supporting the feasibility of this project.</b></p>	<p>Numerous studies and reports have been prepared and published regarding the Sierra Valley and the importance of the 1870 water right and inter-basin transfer of water. While no reports exist that propose a conduit or pipeline project for the first 2.5 miles of the diversion ditch, these reports, without exception, stress the importance of the diversion of agricultural water to the Sierra Valley as being critical for</p>

	<p>sustaining agricultural operations, preserving habitat and wildlife and bird species that exist in the headwaters of the Feather River at Sierra Valley, and the need to make improvements to watercourse conditions to avoid further erosion, channel scour and deepening, and sediment loading. Such studies include but are not limited to the Sierra Valley Groundwater Management District-Management Plan and annual updates; the DWP Environmental Study for Sierra Valley dated 1973; the Upper Feather River Watershed (UFRW) Irrigation Discharge Management Program dated 2007; History of Water – Eastern Sierra Nevada-Recovery and Protection-UC Berkeley Study on the Long Term Diversion of the Little Truckee; TROA EIR/EIS and the Truckee River Operating Agreement; Settlement Agreement by and between SPPCo, Washoe County Water Conservation District, Sierra Valley Water Company; Water Quality Plan for the Lahontan Region; California DWR Bulletin 118 and the Northeastern Counties Investigation; SCS Reports for Sierra Valley; and Biological Baseline Analysis for the Sierra Valley Marsh prepared by SF State University Field Campus. The proposed feasibility study will provide additional specific data illustrating the need and benefits of the proposed project.</p>
<p><b>c. Concisely describe the scientific basis (e.g. how much research has been conducted) of the proposed project in 300 words or less.</b></p>	<p>The methodology proposed by lining an existing water conveyance system that is currently an earthen ditch via a pipe or by concrete is a time-tested and valid approach to reduce/eliminate water loss by seepage. This project will replace an unlined ditch subject to approximately 25% water losses with a pipeline that is expected to result in water losses of less than approximately 5%.</p> <p>Under phase one, the Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District will</p>

	<p>retain a qualified team of consultants with demonstrated experience and success in agricultural water conveyances and watercourse restoration dynamics to outline options to convey the water in an efficient and environmentally sensitive manner. The project will be a “gravity flow” project without any need for pumping or other intrusive features along the existing watercourse. The goal of the project at completion will be for the length of approximately 2.5 miles to be contained in a conveyance conduit so that little to no surface evidence be in existence and the degradation that has occurred over the last decades by scouring and channel erosion be eliminated in entirety and fully restored. Reports needed and prepared will be site analyses and mapping, alternative project scopes (including no project alternative), design and engineering options for the feasible alternatives identified complete with alignment options and cost estimates.</p>
<p><b>d. Does the project implement green technology</b> (e.g. alternate forms of energy, recycled materials, LID techniques, etc.).</p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A                  If yes, please describe.                  Construction-related green technology strategies will be considered in the design stage of project development.</p>
<p><b>e. Are you an Urban Water Supplier<sup>1</sup>?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A</p>
<p><b>f. Are you are an Agricultural Water Supplier<sup>2</sup>?</b></p>	<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                   Sierra Valley Mutual Water Company</p>
<p><b>g. Is the project related to groundwater?</b></p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A                  If yes, please indicate which groundwater basin.</p>
<p><sup>1</sup> Urban Water Supplier is defined as a supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water for municipal purposes either directly or indirectly to more than 3,000 customers or supplying more than 3,000 acre-feet of water annually.  <sup>2</sup> Agricultural Water Supplier is defined as a water supplier, either publicly or privately owned, providing water to 10,000 or more irrigated acres, excluding the acreage that receives recycled water.</p>	

## Climate Change – Project Assessment Checklist

This climate change project assessment tool allows project applicants and the planning team to assess project consistency with Proposition 84 plan standards and RWMG plan assessment standards. The tool is a written checklist that asks GHG emissions and adaptation/resiliency questions.

Name of project: ALS-6: Sierra Valley Agricultural Water Diversion Efficiency & Improvement

Project applicant: Sierra Valley Resource Conservation District

## GHG Emissions Assessment

### Project Construction Emissions

*(If you check any of the boxes, please see the attached worksheet)*

- The project requires nonroad or off-road engines, equipment, or vehicles to complete.
- The project requires materials to be transported to the project site.
- The project requires workers to commute to the project site.
- The project is expected to generate GHG emissions for other reasons.
- The project does not have a construction phase and/or is not expected to generate GHG emissions during the construction phase.

### Operating Emissions

*(If you check any of the boxes, please see the attached worksheet)*

- The project requires energy to operate.
- The project will generate electricity.
- The project will proactively manage forests to reduce wildfire risk.
- The project will affect wetland acreage.
- The project will include new trees.
- Project operations are expected to generate or reduce GHG emissions for other reasons.

## Adaptation & Resiliency Assessment

### Water Supply

Describe how the project makes the watershed (more/less) resilient to one or more of the following high priority water supply vulnerability issues:

- Not applicable
- Reduced snowmelt
- Unmet local water needs (drought)
- Increased invasive species

Project is a Feasibility Study only. No construction or Greenhouse Gas emissions associated with this project.

### Water Demand

Describe how the project makes the watershed (more/less) resilient to one or more of the following high priority water demand vulnerability issues:

- Not applicable
- Increasing seasonal water use variability
- Unmet in-stream flow requirements
- Climate-sensitive crops
- Groundwater drought resiliency
- Water curtailment effectiveness

Project is a Feasibility Study only. No construction or Greenhouse Gas emissions associated with this project.

### Water Quality

Describe how the project makes the watershed (more/less) resilient to one or more of the following high priority water quality vulnerability issues:

- Not applicable
- Increasing catastrophic wildfires
- Eutrophication (excessive nutrient pollution in a waterbody, often followed by algae blooms and other related water quality issues)
- Seasonal low flows and limited abilities for waterbodies to assimilate pollution
- Water treatment facility operations
- Unmet beneficial uses (municipal and domestic water supply, water contact recreation, cold freshwater habitat, spawning habitat, wildlife habitat, etc.)

Project is a Feasibility Study only. No construction or Greenhouse Gas emissions associated with this project.

### Flooding

Describe how the project makes the watershed (more/less) resilient to one or more of the following high priority flooding vulnerability issues:

- Not applicable
- Aging critical flood protection
- Wildfires
- Critical infrastructure in a floodplain
- Insufficient flood control facilities

Project is a Feasibility Study only. No construction or Greenhouse Gas emissions associated with this project.

### Ecosystem and Habitat

Describe how the project makes the watershed (more/less) resilient to one or more of the following high priority ecosystem and habitat vulnerability issues:

- Not applicable
- Climate-sensitive fauna or flora
- Recreation and economic activity
- Quantified environmental flow requirements
- Erosion and sedimentation
- Endangered or threatened species
- Fragmented habitat

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### Hydropower

Describe how the project makes the watershed (more/less) resilient to one or more of the following high priority hydropower vulnerability issues:

- Not applicable
- Reduced hydropower output

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