

Canal in the creek channel, the project would conjunctively use the City's water supply for endangered species and their habitat in the creek.

A new water diversion facility (consisting of a small diversion dam, a fish screen protection system, and a pump) would be constructed to divert water from Suisun Creek to the Putah South Canal. The water would then flow in the Putah South Canal to the Terminal Reservoir, then through the City's existing water transmission facilities to the Fleming Hill Water Treatment Plant for treatment and distribution to the City's service area.

In addition, the Creek Conveyance Alternative includes the continued conveyance of treated water north from the City's existing service system (Green Valley Water Treatment Plant) to customers in Gordon Valley and to a new 150,000 to 200,000 gallon storage tank. The tank would be used for storage of treated water. Conveyance of the treated water could be achieved by three different methods. These three methods are described below as Options 1, 2, and 3.

Option 1: This treated water conveyance option includes the continued use of the City's existing 24-inch diameter distribution pipeline to convey treated water from the City's existing service system (Green Valley Water Treatment Plant) to customers in Gordon Valley and to the new water storage tank to be added.

Option 2: This treated water conveyance option includes installation of a 6- to 8-inch diameter pipeline to convey treated water from the City's Green Valley Water Treatment Plant to customers in Gordon Valley and to the new water storage tank. The new pipeline would be installed within the right-of-way of the existing 24-inch diameter pipeline.

Option 3: This treated water conveyance option includes installation of a 6- to 8-inch diameter pipeline to convey treated water from the City's existing service system (Green Valley Water Treatment Plant) to customers in Gordon Valley and to the new water storage tank. The new pipeline would be installed with the existing 24-inch diameter pipeline. The 24-inch diameter pipeline would no longer be used to convey water. Its sole purpose would be to protect the smaller water distribution pipeline that is installed within it.

With implementation of this Creek Conveyance Alternative, regardless of which option is selected, the City would also be required to do the following:

- Construct a new diversion structure in Suisun Creek, and obtain

approval from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

- Execute and implement a long-term contract with Reclamation, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. Section 523 (the Warren Act of 1911) for the conveyance of non-Federal water from Lake Curry through a 5-mile long portion of the federally owned Putah South Canal ending at the Terminal Reservoir.

- Obtain an easement for the installation of new facilities within the existing Reclamation right-of-way (needed to pump Lake Curry supplies to the Putah South Canal).

- Obtain required easements and approvals/permits from Napa and Solano counties.

- Obtain a Section 1603 permit from the California Department of Fish and Game for streambed alterations required for installation of the diversion facility.

- Obtain a General Construction Storm Water permit from the California State Water Resources Control Board.

- Obtain a Section 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

- Obtain a Section 401 Water Quality Certification/Waiver from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.

- Conduct a sanitary survey every 5 years of the Lake Curry watershed, and Wooden Valley Creek and all other creeks tributary to Suisun Creek above the point of diversion.

In addition, with implementation of this alternative, regardless of which option is selected, the City may elect to do the following:

- File a Water Code Section 17017 Water Right Change petition with the SWRCB to provide for the use of the water for fishery and habitat use, and to enable the City to protect the water in the creek from the Gordon Valley Dam downstream to a new point of diversion of Suisun Creek.

No Project Alternative

The No Project Alternative consists of the City continuing to release water from Lake Curry to Suisun Creek. The purposes of the release are three-fold: (1) To approximate the amount of water that was withdrawn from the lake for municipal and industrial uses prior to 1992, (2) to conserve cold water stored in the lake, and (3) to provide the downstream flood protection that was available from Lake Curry operation prior to 1992.

The No Project Alternative also includes continuation of the City's current operation of the existing 24-inch diameter Gordon Valley Pipeline. Treated water from the City's existing Green Valley Water Treatment Plant would be pumped north in the 24-inch

diameter distribution pipeline to customers in Gordon Valley.

Scoping is an early and open process designed to determine the issues and alternatives to be addressed in the EIS/EIR. The following are issues that have been identified to date: Potential effects on steelhead trout populations; potential effects on wetland, upland, and aquatic habitats; potential effects on special-status vegetation and wildlife species; potential construction-related effects on Suisun Creek, along Gordon Valley Road, and natural habitats and residents (including water quality, noise, air quality, and transportation/traffic effects); and potential effects on cultural resources.

The draft EIS/EIR will focus on the impacts and benefits of implementing the various alternatives. It will contain an analysis of the physical, biological, social, and economic impacts arising from the alternatives. In addition, it will address the cumulative impacts of implementation of the alternatives in conjunction with other past, present, and reasonably foreseeable actions.

If special assistance is required at the scoping meetings, contact Mr. Robert Schroeder at Reclamation 916-989-7274. Please notify Mr. Schroeder as far in advance of the workshops as possible to enable Reclamation to secure the needed services. If a request cannot be honored, the requestor will be notified. A telephone device for the hearing impaired (TDD) is available at 916-989-7275.

Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review. Individual respondents may request that we withhold their home address from public disclosure, which we will honor to the extent allowable by law. There also may be circumstances in which we would withhold a respondent's identity from public disclosure, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name and/or address, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will make all submissions from organizations or business, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public disclosure in their entirety.

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