Merced River Crossing

• Turlock and Merced Irrigation Districts own a double circuit transmission line that was built in 1996.
• The original crossing was for 6 transmission line conductors.
• Approval for the original crossing was granted by the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Lands Commission.
Merced River Crossing Updates

• The Districts wanted to add a fiber optic line to the crossing in 2020 to improve transmission line reliability.

• The addition of the fiber optic line required approval of the Army Corps of Engineers and the State Lands Commission.

• The original State Lands Commission Lease expires February 28, 2021.
Merced River Crossing New Permits

• The Army Corps of Engineers has granted a new permit that includes the fiber optic addition.

• The State Lands Commission has issued a revised lease that includes the fiber optic addition and extends the term for 25 years.

• The State Lands Commission Lease needs to be signed by Turlock Irrigation District and Merced Irrigation District.