

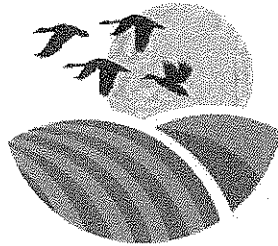
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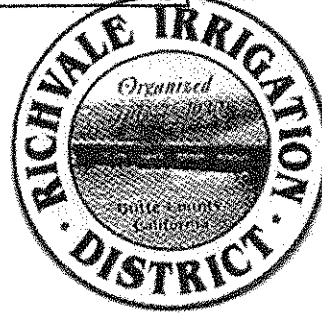
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WESTERN CANAL WATER DISTRICT



Notice of Availability for Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District Water Transfers from 2018 to 2022 Environmental Impact Report

Western Canal Water District (WCWD) and Richvale Irrigation District (RID) have released a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a 45-day public review. The Draft EIR evaluates effects of water transfers from the WCWD and RID service areas to interested agencies located in the Sacramento Valley, San Francisco Bay Area, and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). Water transfers would occur through cropland idling and would include individual and multiyear transfers from 2018 through 2022. The transfers could originate from within WCWD and RID service areas in Butte and Glenn counties. The transfer buyers could be in Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, San Luis Obispo, Santa Clara, Stanislaus, Tehama, Tulare, Ventura, and Yolo counties. The Draft EIR evaluation found no significant, unavoidable impacts on environmental resources.

A public meeting to solicit comments on topics addressed in the Draft EIR has been scheduled for **August 23, 2017, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** at **Richvale Evangelical Free Church**, Multi-Purpose Room, 5219 Church Street, Richvale, California 95974.

The Draft EIR may be viewed at www.westerncanal.com. If you encounter problems accessing documents online, please email info@westerncanal.com. The documents are also available for in-person review at: (1) Western Canal Water District Office at 2003 Nelson Road, Oroville, CA 95965; (2) Richvale Irrigation District Office at 193 Richvale Highway, Richvale, CA 95974; (3) Oroville Branch Library at 1820 Mitchell Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966; (4) Chico Branch Library at 1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926.

Written comments on the environmental document should be received by close of business September 11, 2017, and should be sent to Ted Trimble, Western Canal Water District, P.O. Box 190, Richvale, California 95974, or via e-mail to info@westerncanal.com, or faxed to (530) 342-8233. For additional information or a CD copy of the document, please contact Mr. Trimble at (530) 342-5083 or Sean Earley (RID) at (530) 882-4243.

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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #2016112035

Project Title: Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District Water Transfers from 2018 to 2022

Lead Agency: Western Canal Water District Contact Person: Ted Trimble
Mailing Address: PO Box 190 Phone: (530) 342-5083
City: Richvale Zip: 95974 County: Butte

Project Location: County: Multiple- see project description City/Nearest Community: Multiple- see project description
Cross Streets: N/A; inter-agency water transfer Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 39 ° 33 ' 4.31 " N / 121 ° 46 ' 54.25" W Total Acres:
Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A; inter-agency water transfer Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:
Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: [] NOP [x] Draft EIR NEPA: [] NOI Other: [] Joint Document
[] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] EA [] Final Document
[] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Draft EIS [] Other:
[] Mit Neg Dec Other:

Local Action Type:

[] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Prezone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Development [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [x] Other: Water Transfer

Development Type:

[] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[x] Other: Inter-agency water transfer

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

[] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation
[x] Agricultural Land [] Flood Plain/Flooding [] Schools/Universities [x] Water Quality
[] Air Quality [] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [] Septic Systems [x] Water Supply/Groundwater
[] Archeological/Historical [] Geologic/Seismic [] Sewer Capacity [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Biological Resources [] Minerals [] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [] Growth Inducement
[] Coastal Zone [] Noise [] Solid Waste [] Land Use
[] Drainage/Absorption [] Population/Housing Balance [] Toxic/Hazardous [x] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [] Public Services/Facilities [] Traffic/Circulation [] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Seller action will occur on agricultural property; buyers will use water for agricultural or municipal use.

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

Environmental Impact Report to evaluate effects of water transfers from the Western Canal Water District and Richvale Irrigation District service areas to interested agencies located in the Sacramento Valley, the San Francisco Bay Area, and south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The transfer would originate in Butte and Glenn counties. The transfer buyers could be in Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Merced, Orange, Riverside, San Benito, San Bernadino, San Diego, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, or Ventura counties.

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Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

- Air Resources Board
- Boating & Waterways, Department of
- California Emergency Management Agency
- California Highway Patrol
- Caltrans District # _____
- Caltrans Division of Aeronautics
- Caltrans Planning
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy
- Coastal Commission
- Colorado River Board
- Conservation, Department of
- Corrections, Department of
- Delta Protection Commission
- Education, Department of
- Energy Commission
- Fish & Game Region # 2 - 6
- Food & Agriculture, Department of
- Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of
- General Services, Department of
- Health Services, Department of
- Housing & Community Development
- Native American Heritage Commission

- Office of Historic Preservation
- Office of Public School Construction
- Parks & Recreation, Department of
- Pesticide Regulation, Department of
- Public Utilities Commission
- Regional WQCB # _____
- Resources Agency
- Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
- S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
- San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
- San Joaquin River Conservancy
- Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
- State Lands Commission
- SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
- SWRCB: Water Quality
- SWRCB: Water Rights
- Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
- Toxic Substances Control, Department of
- Water Resources, Department of

Other: _____
Other: _____

Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date July 28, 2017 Ending Date September 11, 2017

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: CDM Smith Applicant: _____
 Address: 1755 Creekside Oaks Drive; Suite 200 Address: _____
 City/State/Zip: Sacramento, CA 95833 City/State/Zip: _____
 Contact: Carrie Buckman Phone: _____
 Phone: 916-567-9900

 Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 7-26-2017
Dushin C. Cooper, WCLWD General Counsel

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.