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San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
Los Banos, California

Notice of Availability of the Long-Term Water Transfers Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Draft environmental document released for review and comment

The Bureau of Reclamation and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority have released for a 45-day public review the Long-Term Water Transfers Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS). The RDEIR/SDEIS addresses water transfers to Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors from CVP and non-CVP sources from north of the Delta using Delta pumps (both CVP and State Water Project (SWP) facilities). The RDEIR/SDEIS updates the environmental analysis in the 2014 Draft Long-Term Water Transfers EIS/EIR available at: https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=18361.

Water transfers would occur through various methods such as groundwater substitution, cropland idling, reservoir release, and conservation, and would include individual and multiyear transfers from 2019 through 2024. The RDEIR/SDEIS identifies potential selling parties in northern California, methods by which water could be made available for transfer, and maximum amounts of water available through each method. The EIS/EIR also identifies potential purchasing agencies south of the Delta and the proposed use of transfer water. The transfers could originate in Colusa, Butte, Glenn, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, or Yuba counties. The transfer buyers could be in Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kings, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus or Santa Clara counties.

The RDEIR/SDEIS was developed to meet requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. The document is available for review at https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=18361. If you encounter problems accessing documents online, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100 or email mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov. The documents are also available for in-person review at the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority's office: 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635.

Written comments on the RDEIR/SDEIS are due by close of business Thursday, March 21, 2019, and should be mailed to:

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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
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Project Title: Long-Term Water Transfers RDEIR/ SDEIS

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County:

Project Location: County: Multiple- see project description City/Nearest Community: Multiple- see project description

Cross Streets: N/A - Interagency water transfer

Zip Code:

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 37 °03 '40.1 " N / 120 °50 '51.5 " W Total Acres: N/A

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A - interagency water transfer

Section:

Twp.:

Range:

Base:

Within 2 Miles:

State Hwy #:

Waterways:

Airports:

Railways:

Schools:

Document Type:

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

Local Action Type:

- [] General Plan Update [] General Plan Amendment [] General Plan Element [] Community Plan [] Specific Plan [] Master Plan [] Planned Unit Development [] Site Plan [] Rezone [] Prezone [] Use Permit [] Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) [] Annexation [] Redevelopment [] Coastal Permit [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: Interagency water transfer

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

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

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

The Draft Revised Environmental Impact Report and Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (RDEIR/SDEIS) evaluates out of basin water transfers from willing sellers in northern California to meet existing demands of buyers. Water transfers would occur through various methods such as groundwater substitution, cropland idling, reservoir release, and conservation, and would include individual and multiyear transfers from 2019 through 2024. The transfers could originate in Colusa, Butte, Glenn, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Solano, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, or Yuba counties. The transfer buyers could be in Alameda, Contra Costa, Fresno, Kings, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus or Santa Clara counties.

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

Starting Date February 4, 2019 Ending Date March 21, 2019

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