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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY
of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the State Water
Project Water Supply Amendments for Water Management and
California WaterFix Project

NOTICE is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is available for public review.

TITLE: STATE WATER PROJECT WATER SUPPLY AMENDMENTS FOR WATER MANAGEMENT AND CALIFORNIA WATERFIX PROJECT – Draft Environmental Impact Report

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project is located within the SWP Service Area which includes the water delivery facilities of the SWP and service areas of the Public Water Agencies (PWAs) that receive water from the SWP. The proposed project would add, delete and modify provisions of the State Water Project (SWP) Water Supply Contracts (Contracts) and clarify certain terms of the Contracts that will provide greater water management regarding transfers and exchanges of SWP water supply within the SWP service area; and provide a fair and equitable approach for cost allocation of California WaterFix facilities to maintain the SWP financial integrity. The proposed project would not build or modify existing SWP facilities nor change any of the PWAs' Annual Table A amounts. The proposed project would not change the water supply delivered by the SWP as SWP water would continue to be delivered to the PWAs consistent with current Contract terms, and all regulatory requirements. Implementation of the proposed project would contribute to project-specific and cumulative significant and unavoidable impacts related to increases in groundwater pumping associated with changes in transfers and exchanges implemented by the PWAs.

LOCATION:

The proposed project does not have a specific physical location. However, the environmental analysis prepared in the DEIR will address whether implementation of the proposed project would affect areas within the State connected with operation and management of the SWP. Therefore, the proposed project study area consists of the areas encompassing SWP operations and facilities, as well as PWA service areas.

REVIEW: The review period for the DEIR begins October 26, 2018 and ends December 10, 2018. Copies of the DEIR can be reviewed at the following website and attached list of libraries.

<https://www.water.ca.gov/Programs/State-Water-Project/Management/Water-Supply-Contract-Amendment>

A public meeting will be held on Friday November 16, 2018 in the Resources Building Auditorium, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The meeting will include a brief presentation about the proposed project followed by public comment on the content of the DEIR analysis.

Comments regarding the DEIR should be submitted in writing to: Cassandra Enos-Nobriga, Executive Advisor, State Water Project, Department of Water Resources, P.O. Box 942836, Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 or by e-mail to: ContractAmendment_comments@water.ca.gov.

Comments are due no later than **5:00 p.m.** Pacific Daylight Time on December 10, 2018, which is 45 days after publication of this notice.

PRIVACY NOTE: Comments from individual respondents, including names and home addresses of respondents, will be made available for public review. You may request DWR withhold your contact information from public disclosure, which will be honored to the extent allowable under California law. If you wish DWR to consider withholding this information, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments.

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