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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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