

Notice of Availability of a Draft  
Environmental Impact Report  
and Public Meeting Regarding

Del Puerto Canyon  
Reservoir

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**Notice is Hereby Given** that the Del Puerto Water District (DPWD) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to address potential environmental effects of the Del Puerto Canyon Reservoir (DPCR) Project, which is jointly proposed by DPWD and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority (Exchange Contractors). The DEIR will be available for public review beginning December 12, 2019. The DEIR can be reviewed at the locations listed below or online at the project website: <https://www.delpuertocanyonreservoir.com/resources#documents>.

Del Puerto Water District 17840 Ward Avenue Patterson, CA 95363	Exchange Contractors 541 H Street Los Banos, CA 93635	Patterson Public Library 46 N Salado Avenue Patterson, CA 95363
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Supporting documents for the project are available at offices of DPWD and the Exchange Contractors.

**Background:** The DPCR would be located in the foothills west of Patterson, CA and Interstate 5, providing 82,000 acre-feet of locally owned storage south of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Water would be conveyed from the Delta-Mendota Canal (DMC) for storage in the reservoir and would be discharged back to the DMC. Stored water would serve agricultural users in both DPWD and the Exchange Contractors service areas, and potentially supply for wildlife refuges. The project includes construction of a main dam, three saddle dams, spillway, inlet/outlet works, conveyance facilities (including diversion facility on DMC, pumping plant, and appurtenant components) and electrical facilities (power line and electrical substation). The project includes relocating existing utilities and Del Puerto Canyon Road.

The DEIR assesses potential project impacts on resources including aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and recreation, traffic and transportation, tribal cultural resources, utilities and service systems, and environmental justice. The DEIR concludes that the DPCR would have significant unavoidable impacts on aesthetics, cultural resources, GHG emissions, traffic during construction, and impacts associated with the need to relocation utilities.

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### Draft EIR Public Meeting

A public meeting to receive comments on the DEIR will be held **Wednesday January 15, 2020, 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Hammon Senior Center, 1033 W. Las Palmas Avenue, Patterson, CA 95363**. There will be opportunity for the public to submit comments and ask questions. All interested persons are encouraged to attend. Written comments must be received no later than **5:00 PM on January 27, 2020**. Please mail or deliver comments to the Del Puerto Water District at the address listed above. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official public record.

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