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SCH # 2011011010

Project Title: North-to-South Water Transfers Subsequent EIR to the 2019 Long-Term Water Transfers Final EIR

Lead Agency: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority — Contact Person: Pablo Arroyave

Mailing Address: 842 6th Street — Phone: 209-826-9696

City: Los Banos — Zip: 93635 — 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): 35 ° 43 ′ 31 ″ N / 119 ° 10 ′ 56 ″ W Total Acres: N/A

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A - interagency water transfer — Section: — Twp.: — Range: — Base:

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 99 — Waterways:

Airports: — Railways: — Schools:

Document Type:

CEQA: ☒ NOP ☐ Draft EIR — NEPA: ☐ NOI — Other: ☐ Joint Document
☐ Early Cons ☐ Supplement/Subsequent EIR ☐ EA ☐ Final Document
☐ Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) ☐ Draft EIS ☐ Other:
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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.) ☒ 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
☒ Other: Interagency water transfer

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

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

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

See Attachment A.

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	Boating & Waterways, Department of		Office of Public School Construction
	California Emergency Management Agency		Parks & Recreation, Department of
	California Highway Patrol		Pesticide Regulation, Department of
	Caltrans District #		Public Utilities Commission
	Caltrans Division of Aeronautics		Regional WQCB #
	Caltrans Planning		Resources Agency
	Central Valley Flood Protection Board		Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
	Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy		S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
	Coastal Commission		San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
	Colorado River Board		San Joaquin River Conservancy
	Conservation, Department of		Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
	Corrections, Department of		State Lands Commission
	Delta Protection Commission		SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
	Education, Department of	x	SWRCB: Water Quality
	Energy Commission	X	SWRCB: Water Rights
x	Fish & Game Region # 2,3		Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
	Food & Agriculture, Department of		Toxic Substances Control, Department of
	Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	x	Water Resources, Department of
	General Services, Department of		
	Health Services, Department of		Other:
	Housing & Community Development		Other:
	Native American Heritage Commission		

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

Starting Date July 24, 2026 Ending Date August 24, 2026

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: CDM Smith
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Applicant: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
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Phone: 209-826-9696

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: Pablo Arroyave **Date:** 07/22/26

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

Attachment A to the Notice of Completion for Notice of Preparation for the North-to-South Water Transfers Subsequent EIR to the 2019 Long-Term Water Transfers Final EIR

Project Description:

The North-to-South Water Transfers Subsequent EIR (SEIR) will evaluate a range of alternatives for potential single-year water transfers over a multi-year period to facilitate responsible transfers when climate or water resource variability limit water supply availability in Central Valley Project-dependent areas. Transfers would occur through agreements between willing Sellers and Buyers. Each potential transfer must be proposed, reviewed, and approved by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on an annual basis. The project location includes the counties that overlap with the Buyers' and Sellers' Service Areas and at reservoirs used for release transfers. Affected counties include Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kings, Merced, Placer, Sacramento, Shasta, Stanislaus, Sutter, San Benito, Santa Clara, Tehama, and Yolo counties.

The San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA) plans to prepare a SEIR to the 2019 Long-Term Water Transfers Final EIR (LTWT EIR). In April 2020, SLDMWA certified the LTWT EIR. Since certification, changes have been proposed to the project that warrant consideration in a subsequent EIR to assess the potential effects of the project with the proposed changes (consistent with California Public Resources Code, § 21166 and State CEQA Guidelines, 14 CCR § 15162). Specifically, the SEIR will consider a revised list of participating sellers and transfer quantities. The LTWT EIR retains its informational value regarding the environmental effects of the project. Preparation of the SEIR will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the project as revised and ensure that any new or substantially more severe environmental impacts are addressed through the CEQA process.