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# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

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| **To:** | Office of Planning and Research<br>Post Office Box 3044<br>Sacramento, California 95812 | **From:**<br><br><br>**Contact:**<br>**Phone:** | Department of Water Resources<br>Water Management<br>P.O BOX 942836<br>Sacramento, California 95814<br>Andy Chu<br>(916) 820-7790 |

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| **Subject** | Filing of Notice of Determination (NOD) in Compliance with § 21108 of the Public Resource Code |
| **Project Title** | 2026 Browns Valley Irrigation District Conserved Water Transfer (SWP #26-764) |
| **State Clearinghouse Number(s)** | SCH #2009072040 |
| **Lead Agency** | Browns Valley Irrigation District |
| **Project Location (include county)** | Browns Valley Irrigation District (BVID) is located in Yuba County. The water will be delivered to the service areas of Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD). The Project will use existing State Water Project (SWP) facilities. |
| **Project Description** | BVID is conducting a one-year conserved water transfer in 2026 of up to 3,100 acre-feet of water available for transfer by previously conserved water resulting from the Upper Main Water Conservation Project, which reduced seepage along the Upper Main Canal and thereby reduced required diversions from the Lower Yuba River. Up to 3,100 acre-feet of water conserved by BVID will be released from New Bullards Bar Reservoir. This transfer water would be made available following the same methods and constraints that have been in effect for the last 15 years. Water would be transferred to DRWD who would use existing SWP facilities to divert the water within the existing diversion capacities or released to Department of Water Resources (DWR) for Delta outflows to enhance water quality and provide fishery benefits. |
| **Determination** | This is to advise that DWR, acting as a Responsible Agency, approved the project described above on 10/12/2026, and has made the following determinations:<br><br>1. The project **will not** have a significant effect on the environment.<br><br>2. Pursuant to California Environment Quality Act (CEQA), an EIR and NOD were prepared for this project by BVID and filed with the State Clearinghouse. The Deputy Director of DWR reviewed and considered the environmental record and BVID determination of no significant impact.<br><br>3. Mitigation measures were not made as a condition of the approval of the project by the lead agency. |

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| | 4. There are no significant impacts to the SWP and therefore no mitigation measures are associated with DWR's action.<br><br>5. Findings were made by BVID pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.<br><br>6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted by BVID for this project<br><br>DWR's decision and determination are based on the documents described herein, which are available at the office of Browns Valley Irrigation District, Post Office Box 6, 9370 Browns Valley School Road, Browns Valley, California 95918. |

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| Signature:<br>Molly White<br>Molly White<br>Assistant Division Manager, Water Management<br>Division of Operations and Maintenance<br>State Water Project | Date:<br>10/14/2026 |