

Public Notice
Notice of Exemption



To: Santa Clara County
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From: Santa Clara Valley Water District
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Project Title: 2025-2029 Warren Act Contract and Associated Agreements

Project Location-Specific: Various (See Attachment 1)

Project Location-City: Various

Project Location-County: Santa Clara County

Project Purpose: To allow Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) to convey up to 60,000 acre-feet (AF) of water annually through the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) facilities.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Valley Water

Name of Agency or Person Carrying Out Project: Valley Water

Exempt Status: (check one)

- Ministerial [§21080(b)(1); 15268]
- Declared Emergency [§21080(b)(3); 15269(a)]
- Emergency Project [§21080(b)(c); 15269(b)(c)]
- Categorical Exemptions [§15301, Existing Facilities]
- Statutory Exemptions

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: These activities consist of the operation of existing water facilities, and the water would be stored and conveyed the same ways as are currently used to transport Central Valley Project (CVP) and State Water Project (SWP) water supplies. There is no possibility of growth inducement, or expansion of water use.

This project qualifies for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Class 1, Section 15301, "Existing Facilities".

"Class 1 consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alterations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination"

Description of Project

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) proposes to issue a five-year Warren Act contract to Valley Water that would allow the conveyance of up to 300,000 acre-feet of Valley Water's available SWP water supplies over a 5-year period through federal facilities at times when excess capacity exists. No more than 60,000 acre-feet would be conveyed annually. The contract would cover the period between January 1, 2025, and December 31, 2029. Valley Water's SWP water supplies may be from SWP carryover supplies, SWP Table A contract supplies, previously stored SWP water from Semitropic, and SWP interruptible contract supplies. Valley Water's available SWP water supplies would be pumped at the Harvey O. Banks Pumping Plant and conveyed through the California Aqueduct to O'Neil Forebay. The water would then be pumped into San Luis Reservoir and conveyed through the San Felipe Division in the same manner that Valley Water receives its CVP water supplies. Additional non-CVP

and non-SWP water supplies may be conveyed under the proposed Warren Act contract if and when additional environmental review and approval has been completed by Reclamation. All additional supplies would be included within the amounts listed above both annually and cumulatively. The proposal would be coordinated with DWR for use of SWP facilities prior to movement of water in a given year. As the conveyance of SWP water through federal facilities under a Warren Act contract to Valley Water does not change the place of use for that water, no action by the Water Board will be required. No new infrastructure, new facilities, or ground disturbing activities would be needed for movement of this water, and this proposal does not increase the amount of water available to Valley Water or increase the total volume exported from the Delta.

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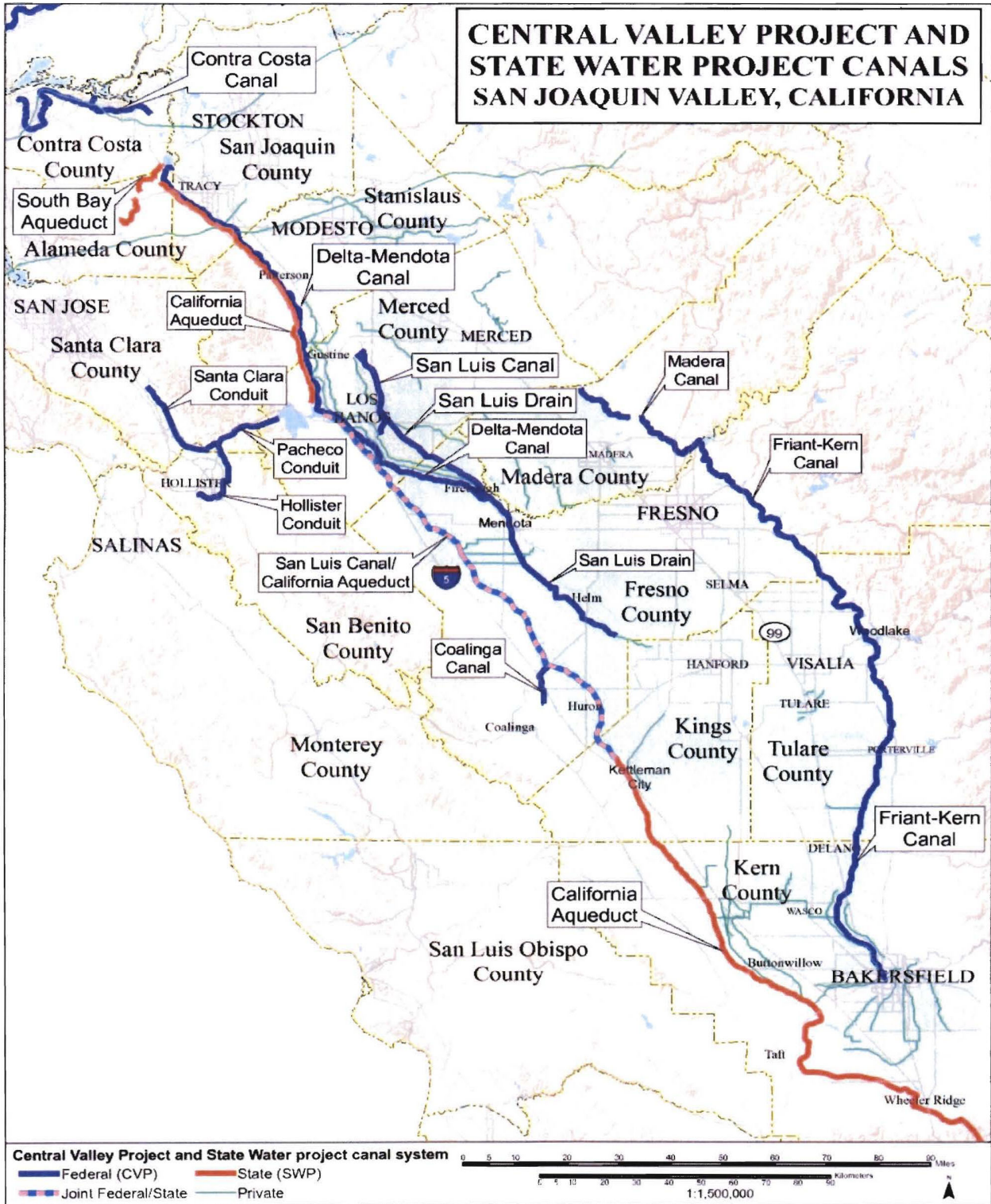


Figure 1 Proposed Action Area (Reclamation 2024)