

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH #**

**Project Title:** Palo Verde Irrigation District Conserved Water Supply Program

Lead Agency: Palo Verde Irrigation District

Contact Person: JR Echard, General Manager

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Phone: (760) 922-3144

City: Blythe

Zip: 92225

County: Riverside and Imperial

**Project Location:** County: Riverside and Imperial City/Nearest Community: City of Blythe

Cross Streets: W 14th Avenue and S Broadway (District Office) Zip Code: 92225

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 33 ° 36 ' 7.17 " N / 114 ° 35 ' 55.82 " W Total Acres: +/-104,500

Assessor's Parcel No.: NA Section: 5 Twp.: 7 S Range: 23 E Base: SBBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Interstate 10, and State Hwy 95 Waterways: Colorado River

Airports: NA Railways: NA Schools: NA

### Document Type:

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| CEQA: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NOP | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                 | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI | Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
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### Local Action Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Conservation Program |

### Development Type:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: Water Conservation Program     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |  |

### Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

### Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Agriculture

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

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>7</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date March 18, 2026 Ending Date April 17, 2026

### Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>Palo Verde Irrigation District</u>
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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Blythe, CA 92225</u>
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Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative: E-Signed: JR Echard, General Manager Date: March 17, 2026

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

Please contact JR Echard directly at (760) 922-3144 or via email at: JR@pvid.org if verification of e-signature is required.

## Project Description

The Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) is the Lead Agency and will prepare a Program Environmental Impact Report pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Conserved Water Supply Program project (Project). The Colorado River is the sole source of water for irrigation and for potable water in the district, which occupies about 189 square miles of territory in Riverside and Imperial counties, California. The Colorado River, which is the boundary between California and Arizona forms the eastern and southern boundaries of PVID.

In response to potentially chronic Colorado River water supply shortages in current and future years, PVID proposes to develop and implement a Conserved Water Supply Program including a range of infrastructure improvements, voluntary fallowing, and farm management measures to conserve water for potential water transfers to assist other Lower Colorado River water users. This proposed conservation program will pay farmers to annually set aside a portion of their land, rotate their crops for the purpose of transferring saved water to other Lower Colorado River water users that have contracted to purchase the transfer water.

Land management and infrastructure improvements to be considered as elements of the Program will be determined in the initial stage of plan development and may include:

Farm management, including:

- On-farm Conservation (seasonal fallowing, deficit irrigation, early crop termination, crop rotation and crop switching)
- Fallowing Lands seasonally or for an entire year.

Potential District Infrastructure improvements, including:

- Canal Lining to Reduce Evaporation Losses
- Regulating Reservoir Storage,

Facilities management including:

- Drain Maintenance / Evapotranspiration (ET) Salvage

The Conserved Water Supply Program may include irrigated farmland throughout the district, and interested growers will participate on a voluntary basis. All farmlands that may voluntarily participate in the water conservation program have been in agricultural use for decades.