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**Notice of Preparation**

April 19, 2019

To: Reviewing Agencies  
Re: Long-Term Operations of the State Water Project  
SCH# 2019049121

Attached for your review and comment is the Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Long-Term Operations of the State Water Project draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR).

Responsible agencies must transmit their comments on the scope and content of the NOP, focusing on specific information related to their own statutory responsibility, within 30 days of receipt of the NOP from the Lead Agency. This is a courtesy notice provided by the State Clearinghouse with a reminder for you to comment in a timely manner. We encourage other agencies to also respond to this notice and express their concerns early in the environmental review process.

Please direct your comments to:

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**Water Resources, Department of**  
**P.O. 942836**  
**Sacramento, CA 94236**

with a copy to the State Clearinghouse in the Office of Planning and Research at [state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov](mailto:state.clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov). Please refer to the SCH number noted above in all correspondence concerning this project on our website: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019049121/2>.

If you have any questions about the environmental document review process, please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan  
Director, State Clearinghouse

cc: Lead Agency

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**NOP Distribution List**

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- RWQCB 6V**  
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- RWQCB 8**  
Santa Ana Region (8)
- RWQCB 9**  
San Diego Region (9)
- Other** \_\_\_\_\_  
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Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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SCH #

Project Title: Long-Term Operations of the State Water Project

Lead Agency: Department of Water Resources Contact Person: Dean Messer
Mailing Address: P.O. 942836 Phone:
City: Sacramento Zip: 94236 County: Sacramento

Project Location: County: various City/Nearest Community:
Cross Streets: Zip Code:
Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): Total Acres:
Assessor's Parcel No.: Section: Twp.: Range: Base:
Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: Waterways:
Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

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CEQA: [X] NOP [ ] Draft EIR NEPA: [ ] NOI Other: [ ] Joint Document
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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:

Development Type:

[ ] Residential: Units Acres
[ ] Office: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Transportation: Type
[ ] Commercial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Mining: Mineral
[ ] Industrial: Sq.ft. Acres Employees Power: Type MW
[ ] Educational: Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[ ] Recreational: Hazardous Waste: Type
[ ] Water Facilities: Type MGD Other:

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

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

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

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

Under the project, the SWP will continue to be operated to provide flood control and water supply for agricultural, municipal, industrial, recreational, and environmental purposes consistent with applicable legal requirements. SWP operations also will continue to be closely coordinated with the CVP, including the Coordinated Operating Agreement with the US Bureau of Reclamation, and operational requirements resulting from the ongoing reinitiation of ESA consultation on coordinated long-term CVP and SWP operations.

Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in.

**Reviewing Agencies Checklist**

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X".  
If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

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| <u>S</u> <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                             |
| <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____             | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics               | <input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning                              | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency                                       |
| <u>S</u> <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 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                     | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission                                 |
| <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission           | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of                       | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission                              | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights                                    |
| <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # _____            | <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    | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of                | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Delta Stewardship Council</u>                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of                 | <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development                |  |
| <u>S</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission   |  |

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

Starting Date 4/22/2019 Ending Date 5/27/2019

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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