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As noted in the Monterey Plus DEIR, the proposed project is the Monterey Amendment and the Settlement Agreement. The overall objective, also as noted in the DEIR, was to resolve the underlying issues that led to the Monterey Amendment and to implement the Settlement Agreement. Six specific objectives for the Monterey Amendment were identified. These six objectives corresponded with five elements that would modify the long-term State Water Project (SWP) water supply contracts. One of those elements to the proposed project was the “transfer of property known as the ‘Kern Fan Element property’ in Kern County.” Text from DEIR Section 4.4 is copied below to show the revision of the proposed project description of the Monterey Amendment. All other text in DEIR Chapter 4 remains unchanged, including the description of the Settlement Agreement. KWB activities are described in Sections V-VI of the Revised Appendix E in this Revised EIR (REIR).

The proposed project analyzed in the Monterey Plus EIR was the Monterey Amendment and the Settlement Agreement. The Monterey Plus EIR considered five “elements” of the Monterey Amendment as follows:

- Changes in the procedures for allocation of Table A water and surplus water among the SWP contractors;
- Approval to permanent transfers of 130,000 acre feet and retirement of 45,000 acre-feet of SWP long-term water supply contracts’ Table A amounts;
- Transfer of property known as the “Kern Fan Element property” in Kern County;
- Water supply management practices; and
- Restructured water rates.

This REIR has changed the description of the Kern Fan Element property transfer to be:

- Transfer of property known as the "Kern Fan Element property" in Kern County and its *development and continued use and operation as a locally owned and operated groundwater banking and recovery project.*

There are no revisions to the other elements of the Monterey Amendment or to the Settlement Agreement, and no changes have been made relating to them in this REIR.

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