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DWR Releases Draft EIR for Monterey Amendment

SACRAMENTO -- California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Monterey Amendment to the State Water Project Contracts, including the Kern Water Bank Transfer and associated actions as part of a Settlement Agreement (Monterey Plus).

The complete document, with its many chapters and appendices, is available for viewing by using the following link to DWR's Division of Environmental Services Web page:
http://www.des.water.ca.gov/mitigation_restoration_branch/rpmi_section/projects/EIR_index.cfm.

This Draft EIR addresses the environmental impacts of changes to the State Water Project (SWP) operations that are a consequence of the Monterey Amendment and the Settlement Agreement.

It also discusses the project alternatives, growth inducement, water supply reliability, as well as potential areas of controversy and concern.

To date, meetings have been scheduled in four California cities to allow public comment on the Draft EIR.

November 29, 2007 3-5 p.m
520 Main Street
Board of Supervisors, Room 308
Quincy, CA

December 4, 2007 6-8 p.m.
800 South Victoria Avenue
Lower Plaza Assembly Room
Ventura, CA

December 5, 2007 Time TBA
1115 Truxton Avenue
Supervisors' Board Room, 5th Floor
Bakersfield, CA

December 3, 2007 1-3 PM
Room 102-A, Hearing Room, Bonderson Building
901 P Street
Sacramento, CA

Comment period: October 15 - December 13, 2007

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