

NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF NEGOTIATING SESSIONS

Negotiations of Proposed State Water Project Contract Amendments to Permanently Transfer Table A Amounts

This notice informs the public of negotiating sessions between DWR and local agencies for the following transaction:

Proposed amendments to the long term water supply contracts between the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Dudley Ridge Water District (Dudley Ridge), and between DWR and Mojave Water Agency (Mojave). The proposed amendments would permanently transfer 14,000 acre-feet of Table A Amounts from Dudley Ridge to Mojave over a period of 10 years.

Background

As a result of litigation concerning the Monterey Amendment to the long-term water supply contracts of the SWP, the Department entered into a Settlement Agreement (Settlement) with the Planning and Conservation League, Plumas County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, and Citizens Planning Association of Santa Barbara County, Inc. Pursuant to the Settlement, the Department agreed to permit public participation in the negotiation process for certain amendments to the long term water supply contracts, including contract amendments to transfer Table A Amounts between existing SWP contractors. The full text of the Settlement and further information regarding the Monterey Agreement, Monterey Amendment, and the current Monterey Plus effort, including future opportunities for public involvement are available on the worldwide web at <http://www.montereyamendments.water.ca.gov/>.

Date: July 23, 2009

Location: Mojave Water Agency
22450 Headquarters Drive
Apple Valley, CA 92307-4309

Time: 4:30 p.m. The “public negotiation” will be conducted during the Mojave Board of Directors July 23, 2009 Board meeting. Mojave’s Board will also consider certification of the CEQA document for the proposed transfer at this Board meeting.

Copies of the draft contract amendments will be available at the negotiating session.

Please also note that the lead agency’s (Mojave’s) CEQA public comment period on the Draft Negative Declaration for the proposed transfer ends on July 13, 2009. All written comments must be received on or before this date.

Further questions should be directed to:

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