

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 Department of Water Resources (DWR) and local agencies for the following transactions:

Proposed Amendments to the long-term water supply contracts between DWR and Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEK), between DWR and Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD), and between DWR and Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD). The proposed amendments would permanently transfer 1,993 acre-feet of Table A Amount from DRWD to AVEK and 1,451 acre-feet of Table A Amount from TLBWSD to AVEK, beginning January 1, 2014. Two separate amendments to AVEK's water supply contract would be simultaneously executed for the transfer of the Table A Amounts from DRWD and TLBWSD.

Background

As a result of litigation concerning the Monterey Amendment to the long-term water supply contracts of the State Water Project, DWR and the State Water Project Contractors 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, DWR 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 Amount between existing SWP contractors. The full text of the Settlement and further information regarding the Monterey Agreement, Monterey Amendment, and the Monterey Plus effort, are available at http://www.water.ca.gov/environmentalservices/monterey_plus.cfm

Date: May 14, 2013

**Location: Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency
6500 West Avenue N
Palmdale, California 93551**

Time: The "public negotiation" will be conducted during AVEK's Board of Directors

May 14, 2013 Board meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m..

Please note that the lead agency, AVEK, prepared an Initial Study and Negative Declaration based on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). AVEK's Board adopted a Notice of Determination on December 11, 2012.

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

Further questions should be directed to:

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