

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

of the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Water Supply Contract Extension Project

NOTICE is hereby given that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) prepared by the Department of Water Resources (DWR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is available for public review.

TITLE: WATER SUPPLY CONTRACT EXTENSION PROJECT – Draft Environmental Impact Report

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project includes amending certain provisions of the State Water Resources Development System Water Supply Contracts (Contracts) based on a negotiated Agreement in Principle between DWR and the State Water Project Contractors (Contractors). The proposed project would not create new water management measures, alter the existing authority to build new or modify existing facilities, or change water allocation provisions of the Contracts. The changes to the Contracts by the proposed project are composed of the following five project elements: extend the Contract term date to 2085; increase SWP financial operating reserves; implement new billing provisions; provide enhanced funding mechanisms and create additional accounts to address SWP financial needs and purposes; and provide for a finance committee and other means to increase coordination between DWR and the Contractors regarding SWP financial matters.

LOCATION:

The proposed project does not have a specific physical location. However, the environmental analysis prepared in the DEIR will address whether implementation of the proposed amendments would affect areas within the State connected with operation and management of the SWP. Therefore, the proposed project study area consists of the areas encompassing SWP operations and facilities, as well as Contractor service areas.

REVIEW: The review period for the DEIR begins August 17, 2016 and ends October 17, 2016. Copies of the DEIR can be reviewed at the following website and attached list of libraries.

<http://www.water.ca.gov/swpao/watercontractextension/>

A public meeting will be held on September 12, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Sacramento Central Library Tsakopoulos Galleria, 821 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

Comments regarding the DEIR should be submitted in writing to:

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Comments are due no later than **5:00 p.m.** Pacific Daylight Time on October 17, 2016, which is 60 days after publication of this notice.

PRIVACY NOTE: Before including your name, address, telephone number, email or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – is a matter of public record and may be made publically available at any time. You can request in your comment to withhold this information from public review; however, there is no guarantee it will be possible.

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