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Certification Statement: I hereby certify that the BLM Advisory Councils are necessary and in the public interest in connection with the Secretary’s responsibilities to manage the lands, resources, and facilities administered by the BLM.

Andrew M. Smith,
Acting Associate State Director, Oregon/Washington.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Bureau of Reclamation


AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Reclamation and the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Water Authority have prepared a Final Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) for a 25-Year Water Transfer Program, 2014–2038. The proposed new program would provide for the transfer and/or exchange of up to 150,000 acre-feet of water available via tailwater recovery, water conservation, and temporary land fallowing for transfer and/or exchange of substitute water to either the state and Federal wildlife refuges, Central Valley Project (CVP) contractors for existing municipal and industrial (M&I) and/or agricultural areas, and other potential State Water Project (SWP) contractors for agricultural and/or M&I uses, or to some combination of these users. The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), Mid-Pacific Region; CVP and SWP contractors; and the Exchange Contractors would execute agreements for water transfers for water service years 2014 to 2038. A similar 10-year program ends February 28, 2014.

The water transfers would occur largely within the San Joaquin Valley of central California but could extend to districts taking water deliveries in the east San Francisco Bay Area. The Exchange Contractors’ service area covers parts of Fresno, Madera, Merced, and Stanislaus counties. The agricultural water users that would benefit from the potential transfers are located in the counties of Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced, Madera, Fresno, San Benito, Santa Clara, Tulare, Kern, Kings, Contra Costa, Alameda, Monterey, and Santa Cruz counties. The wetland habitat areas that may receive water are located in Merced, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and Kern counties.

One public hearing was held on June 13, 2012 in Los Banos, California.

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

• Bureau of Reclamation, Regional Library, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825
• California State Library, 914 Capitol Mall, Suite E–29, Sacramento, CA 95814–4802
• University of California, Berkeley, Water Resources Center Archives, 410 O’Brien Hall, Berkeley, CA 94720–1718
• University of California, Davis, Peter J. Shields Library, Documents Department, 100 Northwest Quad, Davis, CA 95616–5292
• California Research Bureau, California State Library, PO Box 942837, Sacramento, CA 94237–0001
• Fresno County Public Library, Government Publications, 2420 Mariposa Street Fresno, CA 93721–2204
• Merced County Library, 2100 O Street, Merced, CA 95340–3637
• Merced County Public Library, 1312 South 7th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635–4757
• Stanislaus County Library, 1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354
• San Francisco Public Library, Government Documents Department, 100 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

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Michelle Denning,
Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.