

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Office of Planning and Research
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FROM: Department of Water Resources
State Water Project Analysis Office
1416 9th Street, Room 1620
Sacramento, California 95814

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in Compliance with §21108 of the
Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: Conveyance of 2020 Water Transfers from Cordua Irrigation District
to Dudley Ridge Water District, Alameda County Water District,
County of Kings, and Kern County Water Agency (SWPAO #20701)

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER(S): **SCH #200506211**

LEAD AGENCY: Yuba County Water Agency
1220 F Street
Marysville, CA 95901

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Curt Aikens
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RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES: Department of Water Resources (DWR) and Cordua
Irrigation District

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brian Heiland (DWR)
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PROJECT LOCATION: Cordua Irrigation District (Cordua) is located in Yuba County. The water will be delivered to the service areas of Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD), Alameda County Water District (ACWD), County of Kings (KC), and Kern County Water Agency (KCWA). The Project will use existing State Water Project facilities.

I. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Cordua is conducting a one-year 2020 groundwater substitution transfer. Cordua will pump up to an additional 9,198 acre-feet of groundwater from July through September 2020 to substitute for reduced deliveries of surface water under its pre-1914 water right. With deduction of June fisheries release and a 13 percent stream flow depletion, up to 7,142 acre-feet of the forgone surface water will enter the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta). After Delta carriage water, DWR will export the water through State Water Project Banks Pumping Plant and deliver to DRWD, ACWD, KC and KCWA during July through September 2020.

II. DEPARTMENT'S ACTION

In order to implement this project, DWR must approve an agreement for the conveyance of transfer water.

III. DETERMINATIONS

This is to advise that DWR, acting as a responsible State agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, has approved the proposed project on 9/23/2020, and makes the following determinations:

1. Yuba County Water Agency prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines in October 2007.
2. DWR has determined that said project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. Mitigation measures were adopted by the Lead Agency pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21081 and by Cordua Irrigation District in its May 15, 2015 Agreement with Yuba County Water Agency.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project, pursuant to Section 15093 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
5. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of Public Resources Code Section 21081 in CEQA.

IV. LOCATION OF RECORD

DWR's decision and determination is based on the documents described herein, which are available for review at the office of Yuba County Water Agency, 1220 F Street, Marysville, CA 95901. The custodian of the administrative record for DWR is Kora Bitcon, (916) 653-9313 at the Bonderson Building, 901 P Street, Room 145, Sacramento, California 95814.

APPROVED:

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

Pedro Villalobos

Pedro Villalobos, Chief
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9/23/2020

Date

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Sep 29 2020

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