

**TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT  
AND EMPIRE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
TO WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT**  
(State Clearinghouse No. 2009121084)

**ADDENDUM TO NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
adopted on February 4, 2010

The Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD) and the Empire West Side Irrigation District (EWSID) are agricultural water purveyors located in Kings County with water supply contracts with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) for surface water supplies from the State Water Project (SWP). The Westlands Water District (WWD) is an agricultural water purveyor located in Fresno and Kings Counties with a water supply contract with the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) for surface water supplies from the Central Valley Project (CVP).

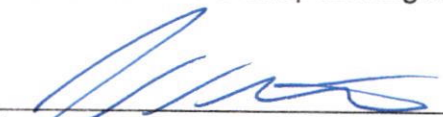
In 2009, two landowners in TLBWSD (Hansen Ranches/Vista Verde Farms and Newton Farms) and two landowners in EWSID (Newton Farms and Brooks Farms), who also own lands in WWD requested approval to annually deliver up to 10,000 acre-feet of their SWP Table A amount to WWD, which is outside of the SWP Place of Use. The requests (henceforth Project) were consolidated because of the proximity of the districts, the commonality of the landowners, and to address any potential cumulative impacts. An Initial Study was prepared by TLBWSD that analyzed the potential environmental impacts of the Project over a 15-year period. TLBWSD, as the Lead Agency, made a finding that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment and adopted a Negative Declaration on February 4, 2010.

On January 7, 2011, DWR, TLBWSD, and Westlands entered into a "Long-Term Change in Place Agreement," SWPAO #10006, authorizing an annual transfer of a portion of TLBWSD's Table A water to Westlands until April 1, 2027, subject to the State Water Resources Control Board's (SWRCB) approval of DWR's petition for change in place of use. On April 12, 2012, the SWRCB issued an order authorizing a long-term change in the place of use until April 30, 2027.

Hansen Ranches (comprising 6,000 acre-feet of the approved amount) has indicated its intent to continue the transfers from TLBWSD to WWD beyond April 2027, taking into account the renewal of the TLBWSD SWP Water Supply Contract executed through 2085. Such continuation would require new approvals from TLBWSD, WWD, DWR, and SWRCB. Newton Farms (TLBWSD and EWSID) and Brooks Farms (EWSID) are no longer participating in the Project.

Pursuant to California State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(b), TLBWSD has prepared this addendum to the adopted negative declaration for the Project. TLBWSD finds that only the Project duration and the water transfer amount of the Project have changed and that none of the conditions described in State CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 that would have required the preparation of a subsequent negative declaration have occurred.

Pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15164(c), this addendum shall be attached to and included with the adopted negative declaration.

  
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