

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: Butte Water District 2020 Water Transfers Program (SWPAO
#20700)

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER(S): **SCH # 2011011010**

LEAD AGENCY: San Luis Delta-Mendota Water Authority
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Los Banos, CA 93635

LEAD AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:
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RESPONSIBLE AGENCY :
Butte Water District
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Gridley, CA 95948

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON:
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General Manager
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RESPONSIBLE AGENCY: Department of Water Resources (DWR)

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY CONTACT PERSON: Brian Heiland
(916) 653-4547

PROJECT LOCATION: Butte Water District (Butte) is located in Butte and Sutter Counties. 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

Butte is conducting a one-year 2020 groundwater substitution transfer. Butte will pump up to an additional 2,750 acre-feet of groundwater from July through September 2020 to substitute for reduced deliveries of surface water under its pre-1914 water right. With a 13 percent stream flow depletion, up to 2,392 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 storage and conveyance of transfer water.

III. DETERMINATIONS

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

1. Butte filed a Notice of Determination pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines.
2. DWR has determined that said project in its approved form will not have a significant effect on the environment.
3. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
4. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of this project.
5. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
6. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the project.
7. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of 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 SLDMWA, 842 6th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635. 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
State Water Project Analysis Office

9/23/2020

Date

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Sep 24 2020

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