

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: 2011011010

Project Title: 2026-2027 North to South Water Transfers

Lead Agency: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

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Project Location: Los Banos Merced
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The SLDMWA, its members, Contra Costa WD, and East Bay MUD (Buyers) are soliciting willing Sellers that may transfer surface water to them. The interested Buyers would negotiate with these interested Sellers to identify potential volumes of water that could be made available for transfer and the specifics of each transfer arrangement through single-year agreements for 2026 and 2027. The EA/IS and MND evaluates a range of potential water transfers of up to 250,000 acre-feet (AF) annually from Sellers to Buyers, made available from groundwater substitution and reservoir release actions. Transfers of water would occur from Sellers primarily upstream of the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta (Delta) to Buyers that primarily receive water conveyed through the Delta. Proposed project effects would occur within the Buyer Service Area and Seller Service Area and reservoirs used for reservoir release transfers. The counties include: Alameda, Butte, Colusa, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Glenn, Kings, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sierra, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tehama, Yolo, and Yuba counties.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The project would result in less than significant impacts after mitigation to surface water supply, groundwater resources, air quality, biological resources, and geology and soils. Mitigation Measures for the project include Mitigation Measure WS-1: Streamflow Depletion Factor; Mitigation Measure GW-1: Monitoring Program and Mitigation Plan; and Mitigation Measure AQ-1: Reduced Pumping. See attached Mitigation Negative Declaration and Initial Study.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

N/A

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

CEQA Lead Agency: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority
NEPA Lead Agency: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation