

## Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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**SCH # 2011011010**

**Project Title:** 2026-2027 North to South Water Transfers

Lead Agency: San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority Contact Person: Pablo Arroyave  
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 City: Los Banos Zip: 93635 County: Merced

**Project Location:** County: Multiple- See project description City/Nearest Community: Multiple- See project description

Cross Streets: N/A - Multi-agency water transfer Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " N \_\_\_\_\_ ° \_\_\_\_\_ ' \_\_\_\_\_ " W Total Acres: N/A

Assessor's Parcel No.: N/A - Multi-agency water transfer Section: \_\_\_\_\_ Twp.: \_\_\_\_\_ Range: \_\_\_\_\_ Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: \_\_\_\_\_

Airports: \_\_\_\_\_ Railways: \_\_\_\_\_ Schools: \_\_\_\_\_

**Document Type:**

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| CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP   | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR                         | NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI     | Other: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joint Document |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Cons  | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplement/Subsequent EIR         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EA | <input type="checkbox"/> Final Document                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Neg Dec     | (Prior SCH No.) _____                                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIS     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mit Neg Dec | Other: <u>Initial Study and Addendum to Final LTWT EIR</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> FONSI         | _____   |

**Local Action Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update    | <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan            | <input type="checkbox"/> Rezone                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Annexation                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan              | <input type="checkbox"/> Prezone                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element   | <input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan         | <input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan                | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>water transfer</u> |

**Development Type:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____     | <input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____                                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Multi-agency water transfer</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____               |   |

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual     | <input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks     | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Vegetation               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land    | <input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Quality            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality          | <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard               | <input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic           | <input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Minerals                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading | <input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption             | <input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance            | <input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs                   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                        |

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Seller actions would occur on primarily agricultural land and be transferred to agricultural and municipal Buyers.

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

SLDMWA, its member agencies, Contra Costa WD, and East Bay MUD 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 Addendum evaluate a range of potential single-year water transfers of up to 250,000 acre-feet (AF) per year 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.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
<input type="checkbox"/> Education, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>1,2,3,4</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	
<input type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

### Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date April 17, 2025 Ending Date May 17, 2025

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Phone: <u>916-576-7505</u>	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 4/17/2025

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