



## BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

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## NOTICE OF INTENT:

### NOTICE OF PREPARATION FOR AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND INITIAL STUDY

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Buena Vista Water Storage District has prepared a Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report and Initial Study under the California Environmental Quality Act regarding the following matter.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Palms Groundwater Recovery Project (Recovery Project) involves the construction and replacement of a suite of 14 wells: 9 proposed new wells, and 5 replacement wells. Additionally, conveyance pipes would be installed to connect these wells. Construction activities would include excavation and trenching to install the wells, and approximately 11.9 miles of conveyance pipe. The total area of disturbance would be approximately 72 acres. Construction activities would begin in the fall of 2020 and be completed within 11 months. Staging areas for the construction equipment and materials would be adjacent to the Recovery Project area on previously disturbed land. The water pipelines will be connected to the District's existing turnout at the California Aqueduct at BV8, which can be used to either input water to, or withdraw water from, the Aqueduct.

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND INITIAL STUDY:** Buena Vista Water Storage District is the Lead Agency for the Palms Groundwater Recovery Project and has prepared a Notice of Preparation (NOP) for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Initial Study (IS) as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. As the Lead Agency, Buena Vista Water Storage District will evaluate potentially significant effects in an EIR. The NOP and IS are available for review at the District office at 525 North Main Street, Buttonwillow, California 93206 or online at <http://www.bvh2o.com>.

**COMMENTS:** Comments on the Notice of Preparation and/or Initial Study should be mailed to Tim Ashlock, General Manager, Buena Vista Water Storage District, P.O. Box 756, Buttonwillow, CA 93206 or emailed to [tim@bvh2o.com](mailto:tim@bvh2o.com). The review period begins on June 17, 2020 and expires on July 17, 2020. Comments can also be provided during the scoping meeting which will be held on July 2, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. The scoping meeting can be accessed via the Internet (<https://zoom.us/j/89798178986>; password 546152) or telephone (1-669-900-6833; password 546152).

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 661-324-1101.

### SIGNED:

Buena Vista Water Storage District

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tim Ashlock".

Tim Ashlock  
Engineer - Manager