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**Project Title:** Palms Groundwater Recovery Project

Lead Agency: Buena Vista Water Storage District

Contact Person: Tim Ashlock

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City: Buttonwillow, CA

Zip: 93206

County: Kern

**Project Location:** County: Kern

City/Nearest Community: Unincorporated community of Buttonwillow

Cross Streets: Adohr Road and Tupmans Road

Zip Code: 93206

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 119 ° 22 ' 44.63" N / 35 ° 20 ' 24.17" W Total Acres: 72

Assessor's Parcel No.: 159-090-11, 159-120-10, 159-131-11, etc.

Section: 2-5,8-11,14,15

Twp.: 30S

Range: 24E

Base: East Elk Hills

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 46 and 58

Waterways: Kern River Flood Canal, CA Aqueduct, West and East Side Canals

Airports: Elk Hills - Buttonwillow

Railways: N/A

Schools: Elk Hills Elementary

**Document Type:**CEQA:  NOP Draft EIRNEPA:  NOIOther:  Joint Document Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_

 Draft EIS Other: \_\_\_\_\_ Mit Neg Dec

Other: Initial Study

 FONSI**Local Action Type:** General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc.) Other: Construction**Development Type:** Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

 Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

 Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_ Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_

Acres \_\_\_\_\_

Employees \_\_\_\_\_

 Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_

MW \_\_\_\_\_

 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_ Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_

MGD \_\_\_\_\_

 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_ Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_ Water Facilities: Type Pipelines and Wells

MGD \_\_\_\_\_

 Other: \_\_\_\_\_**Project Issues Discussed in Document:** Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: Tribal Cultural Resources**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Zoning - Exclusive Agriculture, General Plan Designation - Agriculture

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

The proposed 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 10.7 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.

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

Starting Date June 17, 2020 Ending Date July 17, 2020

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 6-16-20

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