

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal**Form F**

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Project Title: Water Transfer to the South Valley Water Resources AuthorityLead Agency: Patterson Irrigation DistrictContact Name: Vince Lucchesi, General ManagerEmail: vlucchesi@pattersonid.org Phone Number: 209-892-6233Project Location: multiple Stanislaus/Kings/Kern Counties
City *County*

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

Please see attached Project Description.

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

No significant or potentially significant effects, no mitigation measures necessary.

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

No known areas of controversy.

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

None.

The District proposes a five (5) year Water Transfer Agreement between the District and the SVWRA to transfer up to 50,000 acre-feet of water to SVWRA (Project). The water to be transferred is comprised of pre-1914 water right from the San Joaquin River held by the District.

The District also obtains surface water from the Central Valley Project (CVP) pursuant to a contract with the Reclamation entitled "Contract between the United States and Patterson Irrigation District Providing for Project Water Service" dated February 28, 2005, Contract No. 14-06-200-3598 A-LTR1 (District Contract), pursuant to which the District obtains both project water from the CVP and replacement water, replacing its diminished San Joaquin River supplies due to the construction of Friant Dam and the Friant-Kern and Madera Canals.

SVWRA is a California public entity formed and existing pursuant to the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (Gov't Code § 6500, et seq.) and comprised of thirteen (13) public agency general members located in Kings and Kern Counties, and nine (9) of those agencies have entered into an agreement to participate in a multi-year water transfer agreement with the District. The nine (9) public agencies participating in the District transfer are named, along with their State Water Project (SWP) amounts in acre-feet: Belridge Water Storage District (121,508), Berrenda Mesa Water District (92,600), Cawelo Water District 38,200, Dudley Ridge Water District (41,350), Lost Hills Water District (119,110), Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District (29,900), Semitropic Water Storage District (155,000), Tejon-Castaic Water District (5,278), Wheeler Ridge- Maricopa Water Storage District (197,008).

RTS Agri Business, LLC., is a landowner that farms both in SVWRA District and Pleasant Valley Water District. An additional 2,000 acre-feet of water per year would be delivered to RTS Agri Business, LLC., lands located in the Pleasant Valley Water District

Due to aggressive conservation practices and the use of reclaimed water, the District has temporarily developed water supplies more than the demands within its service boundaries. As a result, the District has excess water that can be transferred, through water transfer programs with various water districts that may have water shortages. The District has entered into similar agreements in the past with other water districts. This Project, between the District and the participating members of SVWRA is merely a continuation of the current the District practices that has been in place since 2010. Because of continued reduced water supply allocations from the SWP, SVWRA has suffered water shortages in past years and anticipates that this trend will continue. For more than the past decade, farmed lands within the SVWRA districts have regularly sought replacement supplies to offset the supply reductions from the SWP. Water transferred due to the Project would be transferred from the District to lands within the participating members of the SVWRA to historically cultivated, farmed lands; no new lands would be brought into cultivation as a result of the Project.

The the District Board of Directors has found and determined that the District may be able to make a portion of its water supply available to SVWRA for the next five (5) years through conservation and the District projects and improvements. Other than extremely dry years, a minimum of 5,000 acre-feet (AF) of the District's water is proposed to be made available for transfer and is expected to be surplus to the needs of the District's customers for that five-year period. the District is willing to modify the releases and diversions from its facilities and operations of its delivery systems to make a portion of its water supplies available for transfer to SVWRA participants.