

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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SCH #: _____

Project Title: Daley Ranch Groundwater Recharge Pond Project

Lead Agency: Buena Vista Water Storage District (District)

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Project Location: Buttonwillow, CA
City

Kern County
County

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

The Daley Ranch Groundwater Recharge Pond Project (Project) involves constructing a 40-acre recharge pond that would expose sand for percolation at various depths from 6 to 14 feet deep. Approximately 650,000 cubic yards of soil would be excavated and retained on-site. Maximum recharge estimates, based on a full-year operation schedule, would average 12,000 acre-feet per year. Water from existing District sources (e.g., Kern River, State Water Project) would be delivered to the groundwater recharge pond via the existing Main Drain Canal. The Project does not include on-site recovery. The Project is located at the southwest corner of the Buerkle Road and Wasco Way intersection, approximately 1.3 miles south of Buttonwillow, in unincorporated Kern County, California.

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

Five resource areas - air quality, biological, cultural, geology/soils, and hydrology/water quality - would result in less-than significant impacts after mitigation implementation. For air quality, the District will be required to control fugitive dust by implementing measures from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. Because special-status species may be present on-site during construction-related activities, the District will implement mitigation measures for burrowing owl, Swainson's hawk, common raptors, and San Joaquin kit fox. Because undiscovered historic properties, archaeological resources, tribal cultural resources, and human remains may be encountered during construction-related activities, the District will implement mitigation measures for cultural resources. Because there is a chance of discovering unknown paleontological resources at the project site, the District will implement a mitigation measure for geology/soils. To ensure that the groundwater is not adversely impacted during construction and operation of the groundwater recharge pond, the District will monitor soil excavation and groundwater quality.

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

There are no known areas of controversy.

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

California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board