

**SAN JUAN WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT CEQA NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines, the San Juan Water District (SJWD) hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt a Negative Declaration for the following project:

1. Name of Project: 2022 Temporary Water Transfer of Pre-1914 Water Rights Water to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and consortium of State Water Contractors (SWC).

2. Project Proponent and Lead Agency: SJWD, 9935 Auburn Folsom Road, Granite Bay, CA 95746; principal contact – Greg Zlotnick, Water Resources Manager, 916-791-6933.

3. Project Description: SJWD would transfer up to 4,302 acre-feet of water that it will not otherwise deliver to its wholesale customer agencies Citrus Heights Water District and Fair Oaks Water District as a result of additional pumping and use of groundwater in those districts. The water thus made available for transfer is a portion of SJWD's pre-1914 water rights water, which would be transferred to the SWC for its consortium of buyers listed above through the State Water Project (SWP) facilities of the California Department of Water Resources (DWR). The project is proposed to be implemented, if approved, July through November of 2022. For more information concerning the project, see the *Initial Study for the 2022 Temporary Water Transfer of Pre-1914 Water Rights Water to the Santa Clara Valley Water District and a Consortium of State Water Contractors* ("Initial Study"), which, along with the proposed negative declaration, is available for review at www.sjwd.org, and at the SJWD offices listed at the above address.

4. Project Location: The water being transferred will be released from the base of Folsom Dam in Sacramento County into the lower American River, will flow through the Sacramento River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta to DWR's North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) in Solano County in the north Delta and the Harvey O. Banks pumping plant in Contra Costa County in the south Delta, where it would be pumped into the SWP's NBA and California Aqueduct respectively for delivery by DWR to the buyers.

5. Proposed Finding: Based on the Initial Study, SJWD proposes the following finding: There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before SJWD, that the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

6. Initial Study: A copy of the Initial Study and proposed negative declaration is available for public review at www.sjwd.org and during business hours at SJWD's office at the above address.

7. Public Review: Public comments on this proposal to adopt a negative declaration will be received by SJWD at the above address beginning April 23, 2022 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on May 23, 2022.

Dated: April 16, 2022



Paul Helliker, General Manager
San Juan Water District