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Project Title: Transfer of Water by Oakdale Irrigation District and South San Joaquin Irrigation District to Stockton East Water District

Lead Agency: Oakdale Irrigation District/South San Joaquin Irrigation District Contact Person: Scot Moody, OIG General Manager

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City: Oakdale Zip: 95361 County: Stanislaus

Project Location: County: San Joaquin City/Nearest Community: See attached Project Description

Cross Streets: _____ Zip Code: _____

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): _____° _____' _____" N / _____° _____' _____" W Total Acres: _____

Assessor's Parcel No.: _____ Section: _____ Twp.: _____ Range: _____ Base: _____

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: _____ Waterways: _____

Airports: _____ Railways: _____ Schools: _____

Document Type:

CEQA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOP	<input type="checkbox"/> Draft EIR	NEPA: <input type="checkbox"/> NOI	Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Document
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Local Action Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Update	<input type="checkbox"/> Specific Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Rezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Annexation
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Master Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Prezone	<input type="checkbox"/> Redevelopment
<input type="checkbox"/> General Plan Element	<input type="checkbox"/> Planned Unit Development	<input type="checkbox"/> Use Permit	<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Permit
<input type="checkbox"/> Community Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Site Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Water Transfer</u>

Development Type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Residential: Units _____ Acres _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Office: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mining: Mineral _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Power: Type _____ MW _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial: Sq.ft. _____ Acres _____ Employees _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Hazardous Waste: Type _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Recreational: _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Water Transfer</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____	

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

<input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetic/Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal	<input type="checkbox"/> Recreation/Parks	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetation
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Land	<input type="checkbox"/> Flood Plain/Flooding	<input type="checkbox"/> Schools/Universities	<input type="checkbox"/> Water Quality
<input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality	<input type="checkbox"/> Forest Land/Fire Hazard	<input type="checkbox"/> Septic Systems	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Supply/Groundwater
<input type="checkbox"/> Archeological/Historical	<input type="checkbox"/> Geologic/Seismic	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewer Capacity	<input type="checkbox"/> Wetland/Riparian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources	<input type="checkbox"/> Minerals	<input type="checkbox"/> Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading	<input type="checkbox"/> Growth Inducement
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Zone	<input type="checkbox"/> Noise	<input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste	<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use
<input type="checkbox"/> Drainage/Absorption	<input type="checkbox"/> Population/Housing Balance	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic/Hazardous	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cumulative Effects
<input type="checkbox"/> Economic/Jobs	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Services/Facilities	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic/Circulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:

Project area designated at Ag (AG), Ag Urban Reserve (AU), Residential (R), Commercial (C), Industrial (I), Public Facilities (P-F), and Urban (U).

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

See Attached Project Description

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with an "X". If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

<input type="checkbox"/> Air Resources Board	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Historic Preservation
<input type="checkbox"/> Boating & Waterways, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction
<input type="checkbox"/> California Emergency Management Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> Parks & Recreation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans District # _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # <u>5</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Planning	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Resources Recycling and Recovery, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Coachella Valley Mtns. Conservancy	<input type="checkbox"/> S.F. Bay Conservation & Development Comm.
<input type="checkbox"/> Coastal Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> San Gabriel & Lower L.A. Rivers & Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Colorado River Board	<input type="checkbox"/> San Joaquin River Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mtns. Conservancy
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> State Lands Commission
<input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Game Region # <u>4</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency
<input type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of	<input type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> Forestry and Fire Protection, Department of	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of
<input type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of	
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Services, Department of	Other: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development	Other: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date February 15, 2023 Ending Date March 17, 2023

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>Oakdale Irrigation Distirct/South San Joaquin Irrigation District</u>
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City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Oakdale, CA</u>
Contact: _____	Phone: <u>(209) 840-5508</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 2/14/23

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.

Project Description

The proposed Project seeks to transfer to SEWD up to 20,000 acre-feet of surplus pre-1914 Stanislaus River water held jointly by OID and SSJID in dry, below normal, above normal or wet years as defined by the San Joaquin River Basin index, and up to 10,000 acre-feet of water in critically dry years. The term of the agreement may start as soon as spring of 2023 and would end by September 30, 2032.

OID and SSJID were both formed in 1909 as irrigation districts of the State of California under the Wright Act, and now operate and exist pursuant to the provisions of Division 11 of the *California Water Code* for the purpose of, among other things, delivering irrigation water to the agricultural lands within their boundaries. OID is located in northeastern Stanislaus and southeastern San Joaquin Counties. It comprises 69,000 acres of irrigated lands. SSJID is located within the southeastern portion of San Joaquin County and includes approximately 53,000 acres of irrigated lands. SSJID also serves treated surface water to the Cities of Tracy, Lathrop and Manteca.

OID and SSJID divert surface water from the Stanislaus River under adjudicated and decreed pre-1914 water rights, and post-1914 water rights issued by the State Water Resources Control Board and its predecessor agencies. OID's and SSJID's distribution systems include the Goodwin Diversion Dam on the Stanislaus River below the Tulloch Dam, at which point water is diverted into OID and SSJID's main canal systems. Urban areas within OID and SSJID include the cities of Oakdale, Escalon, Manteca, Ripon, and the community of Valley Home. Lands are relatively level, with elevations from near sea level at the west end of SSJID to 250 feet above sea level at the east end of OID.

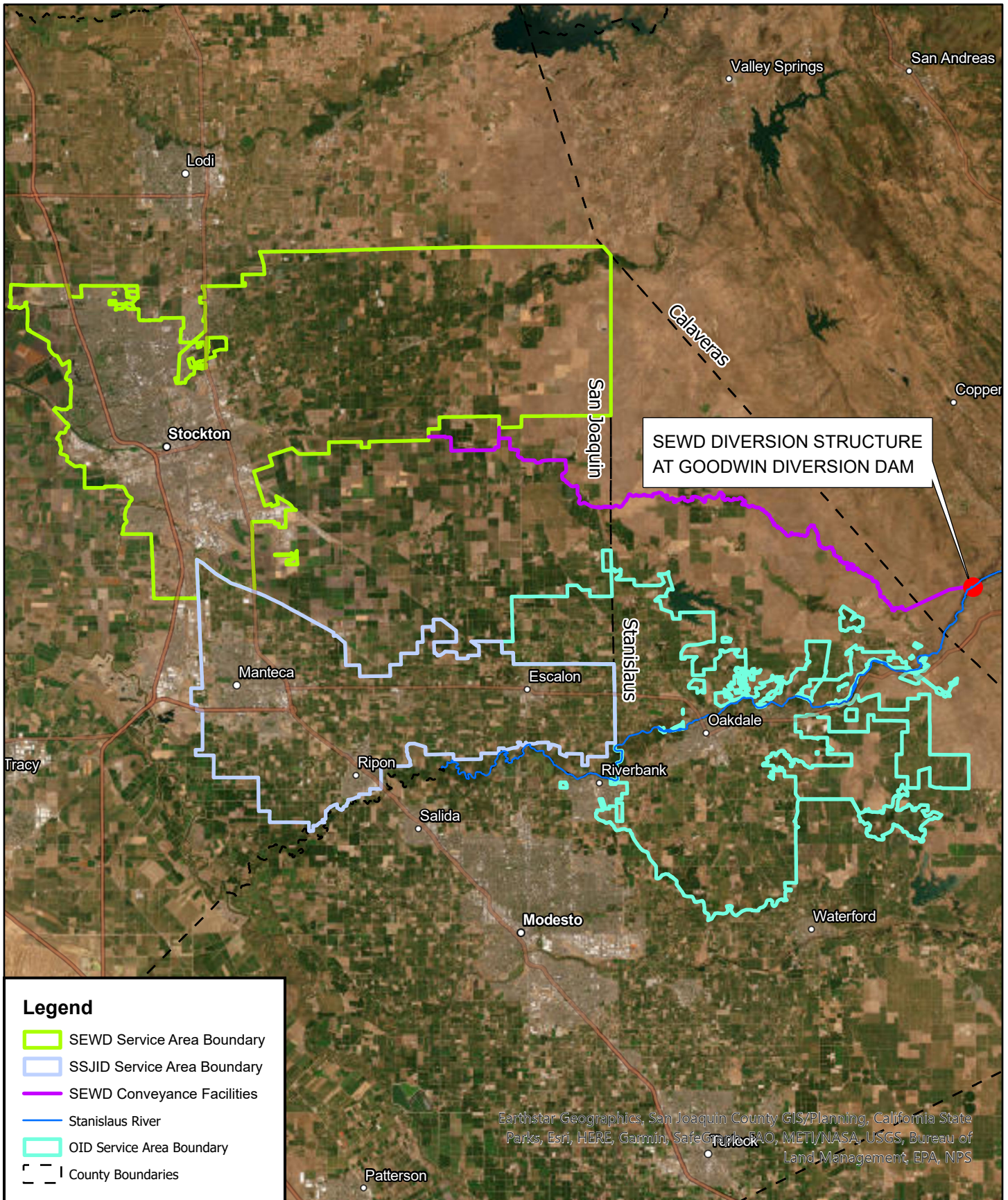
The Stockton East Water District (SEWD) was formed in 1948 under the 1931 Water Conservation Act of California. SEWD provides surface water for agricultural irrigation use and treated drinking water to 315,000 residents within the greater City of Stockton area, which lays entirely within SEWD's 143,300-acre service area primarily located in San Joaquin County. Since 1983, SEWD has been a Central Valley Project (CVP) contractor from the East Side Division and has a contract with Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) for water delivery from the New Melones Project. SEWD constructed a diversion structure and tunnel on the north side of Goodwin Diversion Dam from which it can divert its CVP contact water off the Stanislaus River. Water from New Melones is not always guaranteed to East Side Division contractors in dry years. This Project would provide supplemental surface water to SEWD in years when its CVP allocation is not fulfilled and it would otherwise rely on alternative sources including groundwater to offset the deficit.

Several parameters that would govern the Project implementation have been identified. All infrastructure to effectuate the delivery of transfer water to SEWD currently exists; no new construction of facilities is required. Under the terms of the Project, OID, SSJID and SEWD would meet annually in February to review the Department of Water Resources (DWR), Tri-Dam Project, and California Nevada River Forecasting Center forecasts and anticipated San Joaquin River Basin Index (year type). The Project proposes to deliver up to 10,000 acre-feet of pre-1914 water from OID and SSJID to SEWD during critically dry years if Reclamation does not allocate water to SEWD. During dry years, the OID and SSJID will provide up to 20,000 acre-feet of pre-1914 water to SEWD, provided that SEWD receives less than its full allocation from Reclamation, as is contemplated under Reclamation's current shortage policy for East Side Division Contractors. During a wet, above normal, or below normal year, no pre-1914 water will be transferred unless Reclamation does not comply with its recently issued shortage policy and issue its full water allocation to SEWD, in which case OID and SSJID will make up to 20,000 acre-feet available to SEWD. The transferred water may be utilized by SEWD for irrigation on agricultural land within its service area, or treated at the SEWD water treatment plant for municipal use within its service area. SEWD will provide OID and SSJID with a monthly flow schedule based on its projected demand and then follow up with usage

records each month for the transfer water. At the end of the Project term the parties may renegotiate for an additional 10-year term water transfer agreement.

OID and SSJID have entered into several annual water transfer agreements in the past with SEWD. Additionally, OID, SSJID, and SEWD executed a 10-Year Transfer Agreement from 1999 through 2009. The existing conveyance system will be used to deliver any surface water transferred from Goodwin Reservoir through the Goodwin Tunnel under this Project. No new construction is required for the delivery of water to SEWD, or distribution of water within SEWD. OID and SSJID would only make water available for the Project which is surplus to in-district demands and available under their pre-1914 water rights. Surplus water is achieved by the continued efficiency improvements on-farm and at the district-level, resulting in more conserved water. During the irrigation season, OID and SSJID would continuously monitor full natural flow at Goodwin Dam to determine the amount of pre-1914 water available and then ensure surface water diversions for the Project do not exceed that. The amount of available pre-1914 surface water will change from month-to-month and year-to-year based on such a calculation. OID and SSJID would make as much surface water available as possible within the constraints listed above, without impacting their constituents. The water would be transferred between March 1 and November 1 of each year.

The rights of District customers, including SSJID's Water Supply Development Agreement parties of Lathrop, Manteca, Escalon and Tracy, will not be impacted by this Project. OID's 10-Year Out-of-District Water Sale Program and the 2022 Water Transfer Agreement between OID, SSJID, and the Chicken Ranch Rancheria Band of Me-Wuk Indians of California would take precedence over this Project. Those two surplus water transfers would commit up to 25,000 acre-feet and 1,500 acre-feet, respectively, of water when surplus surface water is available. The Project will not contradict any state or federal agreement or license currently in place with the OID, SSJID or SEWD.



SEWD DIVERSION STRUCTURE
AT GOODWIN DIVERSION DAM

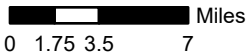
Legend

- SEWD Service Area Boundary
- SSJID Service Area Boundary
- SEWD Conveyance Facilities
- Stanislaus River
- OID Service Area Boundary
- County Boundaries

Earthstar Geographics, San Joaquin County GIS/Planning, California State Parks, Esri, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, NOAA, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS

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**PROJECT SITE MAP
 AGREEMENT FOR THE TRANSFER OF
 WATER BY AND AMONG OID, SSJID, AND SEWD**


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