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SCH #2020060315

Project Title: Palms Groundwater Recovery Project

Lead Agency: Buena Vista Water Storage District

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City: Buttonwillow, CA

Zip: 93206

County: Kern

Project Location: County: Kern

City/Nearest Community: Buttonwillow

Cross Streets: Tupman Road, Ador Road, Station Road, Morris Road

Zip Code: 93206

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 19 ' 59 " N / 119 ° 22 ' 59 " W Total Acres: 72

Assessor's Parcel No.: 159-190-09, 159-010-06

Section: 9, 10

Twp.: 30S

Range: 24E

Base: E. Elk Hill

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 58

Waterways: West Side Canal, East Side Canal, Main Drain

Airports: N/A

Railways: N/A

Schools: N/A

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:

☐ 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: Project**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 Wells and Pipelines

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:**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

County Assessor Use Code: 4300 Irrigated Land / Kern County Zoning Designation: Agriculture

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

The overall purpose of the Recovery Project is to enhance groundwater management by increasing the District's ability to recharge groundwater in wet years and return that banked water in dry years. Additionally, enhanced groundwater management would benefit agriculture by providing irrigation water supplies in years with limited surface water supplies. The Recovery Project involves the construction and replacement of a suite of 14 wells: nine proposed new wells and five replacement wells. Additionally, conveyance pipelines would be installed to connect these wells to a water delivery system.

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<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 #5 _____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission	<input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission	

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

Starting Date December 4, 2020 Ending Date January 18, 2021

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 12-3-20

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