

PUBLIC NOTICE

PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR A WATER TRANSFER TO THE SVWRA PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Patterson Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a negative declaration for the Water Transfer to the South Valley Water Resources Authority (SVWRA) Project. The public hearing will be held via TELEPHONIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Conference Call-in Number: (866) 412-2086; Code: 6424803049, on April 21, 2021.

The District has developed an agreement with the SVWRA to annually transfer up to 10,000 AF or its pre-1914 San Joaquin River water rights water and CVP Replacement Water over a 5-year period for distribution to some of its member districts except in critical water years when hydrology does not improve (Contract No. 14-06-200-3598 A-LTR1). The following South Valley Authority participants would be recipients of the transfers: Belridge Water Storage District, Berrenda Mesa Water District, Cawelo Water District, Dudley Ridge Water District, Lost Hills Water District, Rosedale-Rio Bravo Water Storage District, Semitropic Water Storage District, Tejon-Castac Water District, Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District (Participating Districts). In addition, up to 2,000 AF/Y of the 10,000 AF may also be transferred to Pleasant Valley Water District.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/ Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant. The Joint Environmental Assessment/Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are available for public review at <http://www.pattersonid.org/>. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Negative Declaration will begin on February 23, 2021 and end on March 23, 2021. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30th Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301, or at dgiacomini@ppeng.com.