Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report and Public Meeting Regarding South Sacramento County Agriculture & Habitat Lands Recycled Water Program



**Notice is Hereby Given** that Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) to address potential environmental effects of the South Sacramento County Agriculture & Habitat Lands Recycled Water Program (South County Ag Program). The DEIR will be available for public review beginning July 8, 2016.

**Public Review:** The DEIR and supporting documents related to this project are available for viewing. Please visit the project's web page: <a href="www.regionalsan.com/south-county-ag-program">www.regionalsan.com/south-county-ag-program</a> or visit the Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review Division web page: <a href="https://planningdocuments.saccounty.net/ViewProjectDetails.aspx?ControlNum=PLER2014-00102">https://planningdocuments.saccounty.net/ViewProjectDetails.aspx?ControlNum=PLER2014-00102</a>

The DEIR and supporting documents are also available for viewing at:

Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San) 10060 Goethe Road Sacramento, CA 95827

Franklin Community Library 10055 Franklin High Road Elk Grove, CA 95757

## **Draft EIR Meeting**

Regional San has scheduled a public meeting to receive public comment and answer questions on the DEIR. The meeting will be an open house format and all interested persons are encouraged to attend.

Monday, July 25, 2015 6 pm to 8 pm Sacramento County Farm Bureau 8970 Elk Grove Boulevard Elk Grove, CA 95624

**Public Comment:** Comments may also be submitted in writing. Written comments must be received **no later than 5:00 PM on August 22, 2016**. Please mail or deliver comments to Regional San at the address listed below. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official public record.

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**Background:** Regional San is proposing that the South County Ag Program will increase recycled water use and help meet their goal of recycling 30-40 million gallons per day (mgd) of recycled water by 2025. The South County Ag Program would deliver up to approximately 45,000 acre-feet per year of Title 22 disinfected tertiary treated recycled water to about 16,000 acres of irrigated lands in southern Sacramento County for agricultural uses and habitat mitigation lands (including the Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge area). The South County Ag Program could also provide an additional 5,000 acre-feet per year of recycled water for groundwater recharge, for a total recycled water delivery of up to 50,000 acre-feet per year, which equates to an average of almost 45 mgd. The South County Ag Program would restore depleted groundwater levels in south Sacramento County through in lieu use of recycled water for irrigation as a replacement for and supplement to groundwater, and would improve regional water supply reliability. The Project would improve flows in the Cosumnes River and benefit the riparian corridor.

The DEIR assesses potential environmental effects of the Project alternatives and a No Project Alternative on resources including: aesthetics, air quality, agriculture, biological resources, cultural resources, energy, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, noise, population and housing, public services and utilities, recreation, transportation, socioeconomics, and environmental justice. The DEIR found that all potentially significant impacts can be reduced to less than significant through implementation of mitigation.