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Subject: Notice of Pending Reclamation Central Valley Project Transfer between Contra Costa Water District and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Dear Mr. Ekdahl:

Reclamation is informing you of a pending transfer between Contra Costa Water District (CCWD) and San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (SLDMWA). Consistent with provision 1.d.ii of the Temporary Urgent Change Order, issued June 1, 2021, granting Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources temporary changes to license and permit terms and conditions requiring compliance with delta water quality objectives in response to drought conditions. The Provision requires that the Petitioners provide a detailed accounting of transfers to the State Water Board at least 5 working days prior to conducting transfers. The provision states that this accounting will include; 1) the volume of water being transferred; 2) when, and between which parties; 3) how water is being made available for transfer; and 4) information to support that the transfers will not cause injury to other legal users of water or unreasonable impacts to fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses, including through reductions in carryover storage in Project Reservoirs or stream depletions due to groundwater substitution transfers. The information requested is provided below

1) The volume of water being transferred:

Reclamation has approved the transfer of up to 11,000 acre-feet of CCWD's 2021 allocated Central Valley Project (CVP) water to four member districts of the SLDMWA. The transfer is administered by SLDMWA on behalf of the four member Districts as described following.

2) When and between which parties will the transfer occur:

The 11,000 AF of CCWD's 2021 allocated CVP water will be transferred to Del Puerto Water District (Del Puerto), Panoche Water District (Panoche), Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), and Westlands Water District (Westlands). Table 1 shows the volume and timing of water transfers from CCWD to Del Puerto, Panoche, Valley Water,

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and Westlands. It is anticipated that the transfer pumping may begin as early as July 15, 2021. A map of the service areas of these water districts is provided in Figure 1.

Table 1. Transfer Schedule (values in acre-feet)

	Del Puerto	Panoche	Valley Water	Westlands	Total
July	727	727	1,818	727	4,000
August	545	545	1,364	545	3,000
September	727	727	1,818	727	4,000
Total	2,000	2,000	5,000	2,000	11,000

3) How the water is being made available for transfer:

The water for these transfers would be made available by CCWD not taking delivery of up to 11,000 acre-feet of its 2021 allocated CVP water previously scheduled for diversion from the Delta; rather, the CVP water would be diverted by Reclamation at Jones Pumping Plant for delivery to Del Puerto, Panoche, Valley Water and Westlands. In lieu of the transferred water, Contra Costa would use up to 11,000 acre-feet of its previously stored CVP water in Los Vaqueros Reservoir to meet CCWD's needs. Table 2 shows the proposed schedule of CCWD's estimated diversions with and without the transfers.

Table 2. Contra Costa Operations Schedule (values in acre-feet)

	Without Transfers ¹			With Proposed Transfers		
	CVP Diversions	Non-CVP Diversions	Los Vaqueros Supply	CVP Diversions	Non-CVP Diversions	Los Vaqueros Supply
July	6,900	2,550	1,000	2,900	2,550	5,000
August	6,600	2,360	1,000	3,600	2,360	4,000
September	6,100	1,745	1,000	2,100	1,745	5,000

¹ Following Contra Costa CVP contract schedule submitted June 10, 2021.

4) Injury and Impacts Discussion

There will be no net change in diversions from the Delta under these transfers, since CCWD will reduce its Delta diversions by the same amount that Jones Pumping Plant diversions will increase, and no changes in CVP upstream reservoir storage due to these transfers, since Reclamation would make CCWD's CVP allocation available for diversion by CCWD in the Delta absent the transfers. Diversion of the transferred water at Jones Pumping Plant and use of the transferred water in Valley Water, Del Puerto, Panoche, and Westlands service areas is authorized under existing CVP water rights for the diversion and use of CVP water. The transfers will not cause injury to other legal users of water or unreasonable impacts to fish, wildlife, or other instream beneficial uses. Reclamation has prepared an Environmental Assessment and signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) in conformance with the National Environmental Protection Act to evaluate and disclose potential environmental impacts of the transfers, available here:

https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_project_details.php?Project_ID=49765

The 2021 CVP water allocation to M&I Contractors is 25% of their historical use and for Irrigation Contractors zero percent. Due to the outage of Anderson Reservoir, this water is much needed for health and safety needs within Valley Water. For Del Puerto, Panoche and Westlands Water Districts, this water will be utilized to keep permanent crops alive.

If you have any further questions, please contact Adam Nickels at 916-978-5201 or anickels@usbr.gov

Sincerely,

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Enclosure – 1 (Map)

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Enclosure 1

Figure 1. Map of Contra Costa, Valley Water, Del Puerto, Panoche, and Westlands service areas.

