NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the Surface Water Supply Project has been completed and is available for public review. The public may review the DEIR and all documents referenced in the DEIR during normal operating hours at the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) office, 156 South Broadway, Suite 270, Turlock, CA 95380. The DEIR is also available on the SRWA website at:

http://stanrwa.org/documents

The DEIR is also available for review at the following public libraries:

- Ceres Public Library  2250 Magnolia Street, Ceres, CA 95307
- Turlock Public Library  550 N. Minaret Avenue, Turlock, CA 95380
- Hughson Public Library  2412 Third Street, Suite A, Hughson, CA 95326

Members of the public may request a CD of the DEIR by contacting Allison Martin at (209) 668-5590, ext. 4490, or by email at amartin@turlock.ca.us.

The DEIR has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA; Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.) and the State CEQA Guidelines (Title 14, California Code of Resources, Section 15000 et seq.).

**Project Name:** Surface Water Supply Project

**Project Sponsor and CEQA Lead Agency:** Stanislaus Regional Water Authority, 156 South Broadway, Suite 270, Turlock, CA 95380; phone (209) 688-5490

**Project Description:** SRWA, a joint powers authority whose member agencies consist of the Cities of Ceres and Turlock, proposes to operate an existing infiltration gallery to withdraw up to 30,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) in Phase 1 (up to 50,400 AFY at buildout in 2040) of water from the Tuolumne River; convey it to a new water treatment plant; and convey the treated water through transmission mains to storage facilities in Ceres and Turlock. The surface water that would be provided as part of the proposed project would assist the Cities in achieving sustainable groundwater pumping levels. In addition, 2,000 AFY of offset water (recycled water or groundwater) provided to TID would assist TID in implementing its water conservation and conjunctive water use programs.

Significant impacts have been identified in the DEIR in the following resource areas: aesthetics, agriculture, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise, population and housing, recreation, transportation and traffic, tribal cultural resources. The proposed project site is not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, or hazardous waste disposal sites as enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code and the information in the Hazardous Waste and Substances Statement required under subdivision (f) of that Section.
Project Location: The proposed project is located in Stanislaus County, with portions located in or near the cities of Hughson, Ceres, and Turlock.

Public Review and Comment Period: In accordance with the time limits provided for by state law, the public review period will extend from January 22, 2018, through March 8, 2018. Comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 8, 2018. Comments may be sent in hard copy to:

  Michael Brinton, Interim General Manager
  Stanislaus Regional Water Authority
  156 South Broadway, Suite 270
  Turlock, CA 95380

Alternatively, comments may be sent electronically (MS Word or PDF format) to:

  SurfaceWaterSupply-DEIR-comments@horizonh2o.com

A public meeting will be held to summarize and accept public comments on the DEIR. The meeting will take place on February 22, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the following location:

  SRWA Board Chambers
  Yosemite Conference Room
  156 South Broadway, Second Floor
  Turlock, CA 95380