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NOTICE OF CEQA SCOPING MEETING

(Cal. Code Regs., tit. 14, §§ 15082, 15083)

Browns Valley Irrigation District (BVID) is preparing an environmental impact report (EIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code sections 21000-21177) for its Multiyear Temporary Water Transfers Project (Project). BVID is located in northern Yuba County. The Project consists of BVID making temporary (one year) water transfers to: (1) the Department of Water Resources (DWR), as the operator of the State Water Project (SWP); (2) the United States Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as the operator of the Central Valley Project (CVP); or (3) south-of-Delta contractors of the SWP or the CVP. The transfers would involve up to 3,100 acre-feet per year of water conserved within BVID's service area (Conservation Water) under its pre-1914 water right during the period 2010 through 2025. Through agreements between a willing seller (BVID) and willing buyers under California law, the proposed series of temporary water transfers would maximize the Conservation Water's utility to BVID and to other water users. BVID intends to identify willing buyers (DWR, Reclamation, or CVP or SWP contractors) downstream of the CVP's and SWP's Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta facilities each year that could take delivery of the Conservation Water, and execute one or more transfer agreements each year with the willing buyers. The Conservation Water would only be transferred during years when sufficient supplies were available for BVID both to make full deliveries to its Yuba River service area and to transfer Conservation Water. The water transfers would occur over a period of 2 to 6 weeks between July 1 and November 30 of each year.

DWR's and Reclamation's pumping of the Conservation Water would be subject to all past and future State Water Resources Control Board decisions and orders; any applicable court orders; and all applicable biological opinions covering CVP and SWP operations.

BVID will hold a meeting to discuss the EIR's scope at the following location and time:

Location: EDAW/AECOM
 2022 J Street
 Sacramento, California 95811

Date: July 30, 2009

Time: 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you have a disability and you need a disability-related modification to participate in the meeting, then please contact EDAW at (916) 414-5800 or (916) 414-5850 (fax). Requests should be made as early as possible and at least one full business day before the start of the meeting.

BVID's Notice of Preparation for its EIR is available on BVID's World Wide Web site located at www.bvid.org. BVID's telephone number is (530) 743-5703.