

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

**Date:** February 19, 2019

**To:** California Office of Planning and Research, Responsible and Trustee Agencies, and Interested Parties

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

**Project:** State Water Interconnection Project (SCH No. 2018031010)

**Public Review Period:** February 19, 2019 to April 5, 2019

This Notice of Availability has been prepared to notify responsible and trustee agencies and the public that the City of San Buenaventura (City of Ventura/City), as the Lead Agency, has prepared an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for implementation of the State Water Interconnection Project.

**Project Description Summary:** The project would enable delivery of State Water Project (SWP) water by wheeling water through the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) and Calleguas Municipal Water District (Calleguas) water systems to the City of Ventura. The pipeline facilities (the “interconnection”) would also facilitate direct delivery of SWP water to United Water Conservation District (United) and direct or in-lieu<sup>1</sup> delivery of SWP water to Casitas Municipal Water District (Casitas). In addition, the interconnection would allow the City to deliver water to Calleguas during an outage of Calleguas’ imported water supplies. The interconnection would be a pipeline used to transport water between Calleguas’ and the City’s distribution systems.

**Project Location:** The pipeline would be approximately 7 miles in length originating in the easterly portion of the City of Ventura (Henderson Road between South Saticoy Avenue and South Wells Road) and traversing southerly and easterly through unincorporated Ventura County to the southwestern end of the City of Camarillo (near the intersection of Camino Tierra Santa and Via Zamora).

**Environmental Impacts:** The City has completed a Draft EIR for the State Water Interconnection Project. The Draft EIR analyzed the potential environmental impacts to the following study areas: 1) Aesthetics, 2) Agriculture and Forestry Resources, 3) Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases 4) Biological Resources, 5) Cultural Resources, 6) Energy, 7) Geology and Soils, 8) Hazards and Hazardous Materials, 9) Hydrology and Water Quality, 10) Land Use Planning, 11) Mineral Resources, 12) Noise, 13) Population and Housing, 14) Public Services, 15) Recreation, 16) Transportation, 17) Tribal Cultural Resources, 18) Utilities and Service Systems, and 19) Wildfire. The preliminary conclusions of the Draft EIR indicate that no impacts were found to be significant and unavoidable.

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<sup>1</sup> In-lieu delivery means that the SWP would be delivered to a Ventura Water customer in the Casitas service area, rather than directly delivered to Casitas, and this would offset demand on the Casitas system.

**Public Comments:** The City of Ventura is soliciting the views of responsible and trustee agencies, as well as members of the public, including interested persons, organizations, and agencies, as to the analysis of the environmental information evaluated in the EIR. Comments on the Draft EIR will be used by the City Council when considering approval of the project and any related discretionary approvals. The EIR will also be used by other local, state, and federal agencies in considering the project, as well as permits and approvals needed for project implementation.

All comments on the Draft EIR are due no later than April 5, 2019. Please send your comments to the mailing address or email address shown below. Include a return address or email address and a contact name with your comments.

**City of Ventura, Ventura Water**

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**Notice of Public Meeting:** A public meeting will be held, as part of the City's regularly scheduled Water Commission meeting, to provide a brief overview of the State Water Interconnection Project environmental analysis. After the presentation, there will be time for questions. All comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing. Written comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit comments at the meeting. All other written comments should be submitted to the address or email address indicated above at any time prior to the public comment due date of April 5, 2019. The meeting will be held as follows:

Date: February 26, 2019  
Time: 5:30 P.M.  
Location: Ventura City Hall, Community Meeting Room (Room 202)  
501 Poli Street  
Ventura, CA 93001

**Document Availability:** Copies of the Draft EIR are available for review at:

- City of Ventura Planning Division, 501 Poli Street, Room117, Ventura, CA 93001
- City of Ventura E.P. Foster Library, 651 E. Main Street, Ventura, CA 93001
- City of Ventura Avenue Library, 606 N. Ventura Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001
- County of Ventura Saticoy Library, 1292 Los Angeles Avenue, Ventura, CA 93004
- <https://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/1348/State-Water-Interconnection>