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Final Environmental Document Allows Transfer of Recaptured San Joaquin River Restoration Program Flows to Pleasant Valley Water District in 2017

SACRAMENTO, Calif. - The Bureau of Reclamation has released the Finding of No Significant Impact for the approval to transfer recaptured Restoration Flows from Friant Division Long-Term Contractors to Pleasant Valley Water District during 2017. The FONSI is based on the analysis of potential impacts analyzed and disclosed in the 2013 Recirculation of Recaptured Water Year 2013-2017 San Joaquin River Restoration Program Flows Environmental Assessment.

Under the proposed action, Reclamation would approve the transfer of up to 2,000 acre-feet of recaptured Restoration Flows to Pleasant Valley Water District. The district is located in southwestern Fresno County and provides groundwater to approximately 35,000 acres for irrigation of agricultural lands. The water will be conveyed through existing facilities from San Luis Reservoir through the San Luis Canal and Coalinga Canal, and then to local conveyance facilities. The water will be used for irrigation purposes in-lieu of pumped groundwater.

The proposed action is consistent with the SJRRP's Water Management Goal, to reduce or avoid water supply impacts to Friant Division long-term contractors, by providing an additional mechanism to recirculate, reuse, exchange or transfer recaptured Restoration Flows.

The FONSI was prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and is available at https://www.usbr.gov/mp/nepa/nepa_projdetails.cfm?Project_ID=12690. If you encounter problems accessing the document online, please contact the Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100 (TTY 800-877-8339) or mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov. For additional information or to request a copy of the FONSI, please contact Erika Kegel at 916-978-5458 or ekegel@usbr.gov.

More information on the San Joaquin River Restoration Program is available at www.restoresjr.net.

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