



KEY POINTS

Water Transfer Pilot Program

San Juan Water District, Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Diego County Water Authority

Parties to the Agreement

San Juan Water District (SJWD)

- ◆ Located in Northern California, Sacramento region
- ◆ Wholesale treated water to Citrus Heights Water District, Fair Oaks Water District, Orange Vale Water Company, City of Folsom (north of the American River), and San Juan Water District retail service area
- ◆ Subject to the Sacramento Water Forum Agreement

Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD)

- ◆ Located in the south San Francisco Bay Area
- ◆ Wholesale water supplier for Santa Clara County, including treated water customers and groundwater replenishment

San Diego County Water Authority (SDCWA)

- ◆ Located in San Diego County
- Wholesale water supplier to 24 member agencies

Project Description

- ◆ The Sacramento Water Forum Agreement requires SJWD to leave some water in Folsom Reservoir during dry years and utilize groundwater and water conservation to meet water demands.
- ◆ SJWD retains ownership of water supply at the mouth of the American River.
- ◆ SJWD desires to transfer the water at the mouth of the American River in exchange for funds to construct dry-year facilities. These facilities are needed to enact provisions of the Sacramento Water Forum Agreement.
- ◆ SDCWA desires dry-year water supplies to meet water demands.
- ◆ SJWD is a CVP water contractor. SDCWA is a member agency of Metropolitan Water District, a SWP Contractor. SCVWD is both a CVP and a SWP contractor and can facilitate transfers and exchanges between the two projects.
- ◆ SJWD is proposing to sell water made available through the Sacramento Area Water Forum to SCVWD and SDCWA.
- ◆ The final water transfer will not exceed 7,000 acre feet. The final amount will be determined during program development.

Reasons for Project

- ◆ SJWD is committed to preserve the fishery, wildlife, recreational, and aesthetic values of the Lower American River. Under the Sacramento Area Water Forum Agreement, SJWD will forgo some water in dry years to benefit the Lower American River.
- ◆ Obtaining funds for forgone water will reduce the amount of funds that must be collected from SJWD customers to pay for dry-year facilities. SJWD desires to receive as much external (non-rate based) funding for facilities as possible. This program is not intended to offset ordinary operating costs.

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- ◆ SDCWA and SCVWD need water to meet demands during dry years when existing supplies are not sufficient.
- ◆ The Governor recently issued an Executive Order proclaiming a statewide drought and directing the Department of Water Resources to facilitate water transfers, among other actions, to mitigate impacts.
- ◆ The pilot program is consistent with California policy favoring water transfers, conjunctive use and conservation measures as means to address statewide water shortages.
- ◆ The health of the Bay-area and San Diego County economies is vital to the state and national economies. Economic impacts from water shortages in those regions would adversely impact the state's economy.
 - Santa Clara County is home to 1.7 million residents and the high-tech economy known as "Silicon Valley."
 - The San Diego County Water Authority supports a region with 3 million residents and a \$163 billion economy.

Project Timing

- ◆ The first step is for all parties to sign a statement of cooperation and intent for program development, which paves the way for further discussions.
- ◆ The goal is to implement a small-scale, one-year pilot program beginning March 1, 2009.
- ◆ If successful, the agencies may proceed with a long-term agreement.

For more information, visit the District's Web site at www.sjwd.org.

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San Juan Water District is a community services district that provides drinking water to more than 265,000 people in portions of Sacramento and Placer counties. In addition to serving retail customers in Granite Bay, east Roseville, and the northeast portion of Sacramento County, the district wholesales water to Citrus Heights and Fair Oaks water districts, Orange Vale Water Company and the city of Folsom (north of the American River) and periodically to Sacramento Suburban Water District.