

### Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

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<b>SCH #</b>
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**Project Title:** Buena Vista Water Storage District Palms Groundwater Banking Project

Lead Agency: Buena Vista Water Storage District Contact Person: Maurice Etchechury  
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 City: Buttonwillow Zip: 93206 County: Kern

**Project Location:** County: Kern City/Nearest Community: Buttonwillow

Cross Streets: Adohr Rd Zip Code: 93206

Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 36 ' 57.5 " N / -119 ° 38 ' 56.4 " W Total Acres: 1,160

Assessor's Parcel No.: multiple Section: 3-10 Twp.: 27S Range: 22E Base: \_\_\_\_\_

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: \_\_\_\_\_ Waterways: No natural waterbodies

Airports: none Railways: none Schools: none

**Document Type:**

CEQA:  NOP  Draft EIR NEPA:  NOI Other:  Joint Document  
 Early Cons  Supplement/Subsequent EIR  EA  Final Document  
 Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) \_\_\_\_\_  Draft EIS  Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Local Action Type:**

General Plan Update  Specific Plan  Rezone  Annexation  
 General Plan Amendment  Master Plan  Prezone  Redevelopment  
 General Plan Element  Planned Unit Development  Use Permit  Coastal Permit  
 Community Plan  Site Plan  Land Division (Subdivision, etc.)  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Development Type:**

Residential: Units \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_  
 Office: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Transportation: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Commercial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Mining: Mineral \_\_\_\_\_  
 Industrial: Sq.ft. \_\_\_\_\_ Acres \_\_\_\_\_ Employees \_\_\_\_\_  Power: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MW \_\_\_\_\_  
 Educational: \_\_\_\_\_  Waste Treatment: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  
 Recreational: \_\_\_\_\_  Hazardous Waste: Type \_\_\_\_\_  
 Water Facilities: Type \_\_\_\_\_ MGD \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Project Issues Discussed in Document:**

Aesthetic/Visual  Fiscal  Recreation/Parks  Vegetation  
 Agricultural Land  Flood Plain/Flooding  Schools/Universities  Water Quality  
 Air Quality  Forest Land/Fire Hazard  Septic Systems  Water Supply/Groundwater  
 Archeological/Historical  Geologic/Seismic  Sewer Capacity  Wetland/Riparian  
 Biological Resources  Minerals  Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading  Growth Inducement  
 Coastal Zone  Noise  Solid Waste  Land Use  
 Drainage/Absorption  Population/Housing Balance  Toxic/Hazardous  Cumulative Effects  
 Economic/Jobs  Public Services/Facilities  Traffic/Circulation  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Exclusive Agriculture (A)

**Project Description:** (please use a separate page if necessary)

The Palms Groundwater Banking Project is a groundwater replenishment and water banking project that will cover approximately 1,160 acres and will include features needed to apply surface water for groundwater recharge as well as facilities needed for recovery and treatment of stored groundwater. The Palms Project construction would include activities consistent with digging, trenching, and excavation of soil to create water holding ponds and channels, and the installation new pipeline and wells for later recovery. The Project involves multiple stages: 1) construction of recharge facilities, 2) installation of pumps in existing wells and approximately 4 miles of pipeline, 3) construction and equipping additional recovery wells with associated piping, and 4) water treatment facilities if needed.

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**Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)**

Starting Date December 11, 2015 Ending Date January 11, 2016

**Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):**

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 12/8/15

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