



## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

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### **Program Environmental Impact Report**

**Date:** August 25, 2011

**To:** Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties

**Lead Agency:** Palmdale Water District

**Project Title:** Strategic Water Resources Plan Draft Program EIR

**Review Period:** August 25, 2011 through October 8, 2011

**State Clearinghouse No:** 2010101091

**Project Description:** This Notice of Availability (NOA) has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the Palmdale Water District (PWD) as the Lead Agency has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) to provide the public and trustee agencies with information about the potential effects on the local and regional environment associated with the Strategic Water Resources Plan (SWRP or proposed project). The proposed project would apply to PWD's 47-square mile water district service area, which is located in the Antelope Valley area of Los Angeles County, California.

The SWRP assumes the population in the PWD service area will double over the next 25 years or by 2035. The primary goal of the SWRP is to therefore develop and diversify PWD's water supply to ultimately provide supplies capable of matching future overall annual water demand on a year-to-year basis. The secondary purpose of the proposed project is to improve water supply reliability and redundancy in PWD's service area by acquiring new supplies, developing local groundwater storage and recovery (banking), maximizing use of recycled water, expanding conservation efforts, and maintaining capacity in Littlerock Reservoir through sediment removal. The proposed project would increase the number of water sources to supplement the system when an individual source of water such as State Water Project (SWP) becomes restricted or unavailable for routine maintenance shutdowns, extended curtailments from the Delta, or unforeseen emergencies.

**Project Location:** The PWD service area is located in southern California, approximately 60 miles northeast of the City of Los Angeles, within the Antelope Valley. The District's primary service area

includes the majority of the City of Palmdale and portions of unincorporated Los Angeles County. The District is bordered to the south and west by the San Gabriel Mountain Range, the north by the City of Lancaster, and the east by the unincorporated community of Littlerock. The District encompasses 47 square miles of mainly developed areas of the City and surrounding sphere of influence, with agricultural uses around its perimeter. The proposed project includes facilities that would be located outside of PWD boundaries in either the City of Palmdale or unincorporated Los Angeles County. Therefore, for purposes of this PEIR, the “project area” includes both the PWD service area and any outlying areas where project facilities may be built.

**Public Review and Comments:** The Palmdale Water District is soliciting comments from agencies and the public about the Draft PEIR prepared for the proposed project. The Draft PEIR will be used by PWD when considering approval of the proposed project. Pursuant to Section 21091 of the Public Resources Code, the District has established a 45-day review period that begins **August 25, 2011** and ends **October 8, 2011**. Comments on the Draft PEIR should be sent to Jon Pernula at the address shown below.

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**Document Availability:** Copies of the Draft PEIR are available as follows:

- Palmdale Water District office, 2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale CA 93550
- Palmdale Water District web site (<http://www.palmdalewater.org>)
- Palmdale City Library, 700 E. Palmdale Blvd., Palmdale, CA 93550

**Public Meetings:** A public meeting will be held to receive public comments regarding the content and analysis provided in the Draft PEIR. The meeting will include a brief presentation providing an overview of the proposed project and conclusions of the Draft PEIR. After the presentation, oral comments will be accepted. Written comment forms will be supplied for those who wish to submit comments in writing at the public meeting; written comments may also be submitted anytime during the 45-day Draft PEIR review period. The Draft PEIR will be available for public review through **October 8, 2011**. The public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: August 31, 2011  
TIME: 7:00 p.m.  
LOCATION: Palmdale Water District – Board Room  
2029 East Avenue Q, Palmdale, CA 93550

**Deadline:** All comments on the Draft PEIR must be submitted in writing to Jon Pernula at Palmdale Water District at the address shown above by **5:00 PM on October 8, 2011**.