November 18, 2026

Notice of Availability (CEQA Guidelines section 15087)

Project Title:
Palo Verde Irrigation District (PVID) Conserved Water Supply Program
Program Environmental Impact Report

Project Location: The water conservation program may include any irrigated farmland within the PVID boundaries in the Palo Verde Valley (not including Palo Verde Mesa lands). Interested growers would participate on a voluntary basis. Canal lining would include existing canals, and regulating reservoirs would be limited to previously disturbed lands and agricultural lands only.

Project Description
In response to potentially chronic Colorado River water supply shortages in current and future years, the Palo Verde Irrigation District proposes to develop and implement a Conserved Water Supply Program including, voluntary fallowing, and farm management measures, and possibly infrastructure improvements to conserve water for potential water transfers to assist other Lower Colorado River water users. This proposed conservation program will pay farmers to annually set aside a portion of their land, rotate their crops for the purpose of transferring saved water to other Lower Colorado River water users that have contracted to purchase the transfer water. On-farm conservation measures include seasonal fallowing, deficit irrigation, early crop termination, crop rotation and crop switching. Long term infrastructure improvements may include canal lining to reduce evaporation losses and construction of regulating reservoir storage.

Lead agency: PVID is the lead agency for completion of requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Review period
The Program EIR is available for review and comment from November 18, 2026 through January 5, 2027. Comments should be submitted electronically via email to: PVID@PVID.org
or by mail to:

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A list of significant environmental effects anticipated
Primary resource areas examined in detail in the Program EIR include agricultural lands, air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal cultural resources, and hydrology and water quality. With continued implementation of best management practices and standard mitigation measures

identified in the report, the analyses conclude there are no significant or unavoidable adverse impacts resulting from implementation of the proposed water conservation program.

Address where copies are available

The Program EIR is available for download on the PVID website: www.PVID.org, under the "Publications" subheading. Printed copies are available at the PVID headquarters (address above) and at the Palo Verde Valley library located at 125 W Chanslor Way, Blythe, California.

Hazardous Wastes

Within the project area, there are no hazardous waste facilities, land designated as hazardous waste property, or known hazardous waste disposal sites.