

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
505 VAN NESS AVENUE  
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94102-3298**



**To: Responsible Agencies and Interested Parties**  
**Subject: Notice of Availability, Focused Tiered Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Golden State Water Company – Sutter Pointe Project**  
**Date: April 28, 2010**

**Project Location:** The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has prepared a Focused Tiered Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the establishment of a non-contiguous water service area and associated water supply infrastructure located in the southern, unincorporated portion of Sutter County, known as the Sutter Pointe Specific Plan (SPSP) area.

**Project Description:** Golden State Water Company (GSWC) has submitted Application 08-08-022 to the CPUC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to establish a non-contiguous service area within the corporate boundaries of Natomas Central Mutual Water Company (NCMWC). GSWC, through its parent company American States Water Company (ASWC), has an agreement with NCMWC to provide municipal and industrial (M&I) water service to the SPSP area. The water supply infrastructure would be developed in four phases of varying lengths to correspond with buildout of the SPSP over an approximately 20-year period.

**Summary of Significant Environmental Effects:** Implementation of the proposed project would contribute to significant and unavoidable impacts relating to short-term nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions associated with construction activities and the permanent conversion of important farmland to nonagricultural uses. The DEIR found that all other significant impacts would be mitigated to a less than significant level.

**Public Comment Period and Availability of Documents:** The DEIR was released for public review on April 28, 2010 and the 45 day public review period for this DEIR will extend through June 14, 2010. The DEIR will be available for review at the Sutter County Library Main Branch, 750 Forbes Avenue, Yuba City, CA 95991 and on the project website, as listed below. Copies of the DEIR on CD may be requested by phone or by e-mail. The CPUC also has a limited number of copies of the complete DEIR document available for public review upon request at the CPUC offices at 505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102. Written comments on the DEIR must be received by fax or e-mail no later than Monday, June 14, 2010; please be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Written comments on the DEIR should be sent to:

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**Notice of Public Meeting:** A public meeting for this project will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Veterans Memorial Community Building, 1425 Veterans Memorial Circle, Yuba City, CA 95993.