



## **Agreement Reached Between Parties in San Joaquin County and EBMUD to Fund Local Water Projects & Resolve Water Rights Matters**

### **SUMMARY**

The Mokelumne River serves a variety of uses, including agriculture, fisheries, hydropower, recreation and municipal and industrial uses. The Mokelumne River is the primary source of water for more than 1.3 million East Bay residents. Since 1990, San Joaquin County (SJC), North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD), Stockton East Water District (SEWD), Central Delta Water Agency (CDWA), South Delta Water Agency (SDWA) and EBMUD have at various times filed petitions with the State Water Board regarding applications, change petitions and protests related to water rights along the Mokelumne River. These petitions and protests have been pending before the State Water Board.

In the recently approved settlement agreement, the parties have agreed to work jointly to improve the health and sustainability of the Eastern San Joaquin groundwater basin and to set aside their respective protests and to petition the State Water Board to dismiss their pending protests.

### **SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

EBMUD agrees to:

- Provide up to \$4 M for San Joaquin County to develop a groundwater demonstration project
- Release additional water to NSJWCD subject to certain conditions protective of the environment and operational needs on the Mokelumne River
- Allow NSJWCD to sell up to 1,000 acre feet of its water to the City of Lodi over winter months.
- Provide SEWD an opportunity to utilize water released via agreement with NSJWCD
- Provide SJC an opportunity to store water temporarily in Camanche Reservoir, subject to certain conditions as determined by EBMUD;

NSJWCD agrees to:

- Establish groundwater credits for EBMUD and to support the issuance of an export permit to EBMUD.
- Utilize existing facilities and develop new facilities as needed.
- Develop coordinated operations between NSJWCD and EBMUD regarding City of Lodi
- Execute the Coordination Agreement for Operation of the Tracy Lake Groundwater Recharge Project

SJC agrees to:

- Develop an operating agreement with EBMUD to divert, store and convey water under County's permit through EBMUD facilities
- Provide compensation to EBMUD for use of the facilities
- Conduct CEQA on County's water right application

EBMUD and the parties agree to develop the appropriate CEQA documents for the respective projects and agreements and seek State Water Board approval of the pending petitions.