

**PATTERSON IRRIGATION DISTRICT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the project described below has been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code Section 21100, et seq.) and a determination has been made that it will not have a significant effect upon the environment.
2. PROJECT NAME: Patterson Irrigation District Water Transfer To Santa Clara Valley Water District
3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: The Project will consist of a five (5) year Water Transfer Agreement between Patterson Irrigation District (PID) and the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water), proposing to transfer up to 30,000 acre-feet of water, but no more than 6,000 acre-feet in any given contract year, over the five (5) year period to Valley Water. The water to be transferred will be comprised of any combination of the following water rights held by PID:
 - Pre-1914 appropriative water right from the San Joaquin River,
 - Water pursuant to PID's contract with Reclamation for water supply from the Central Valley Project (Contract 14-06-200-3598A-LTR1) (Contract), or
 - Replacement water as identified in the Contract.
4. LOCATION OF PROJECT: The Project is located within the boundaries of PID in Stanislaus County as shown on **Figure 1**, and within the boundaries of Valley Water, as shown on **Figure 2**.
5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROJECT PROPONENT: Patterson Irrigation District, Post Office Box 685, 948 Orange Avenue, Patterson, California 95363, (209) 892-6233.
6. MITIGATION MEASURES: None
7. A copy of the Initial Study regarding the environmental effect of this project is on file at the office of The Patterson Irrigation District set forth above. This study was:
 - ☒ Adopted as presented.
 - ☐ Adopted with changes. Specific modifications supporting reasons are attached.
8. Patterson Irrigation District considered this Negative Declaration at a public meeting of its Board of Directors on June 16, 2025.
9. DETERMINATION: *(To be completed by the Lead Agency)*
On the basis of this initial evaluation:

☒ I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the

environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- ☐ I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- ☐ I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.



Signature

06/19/25

Date

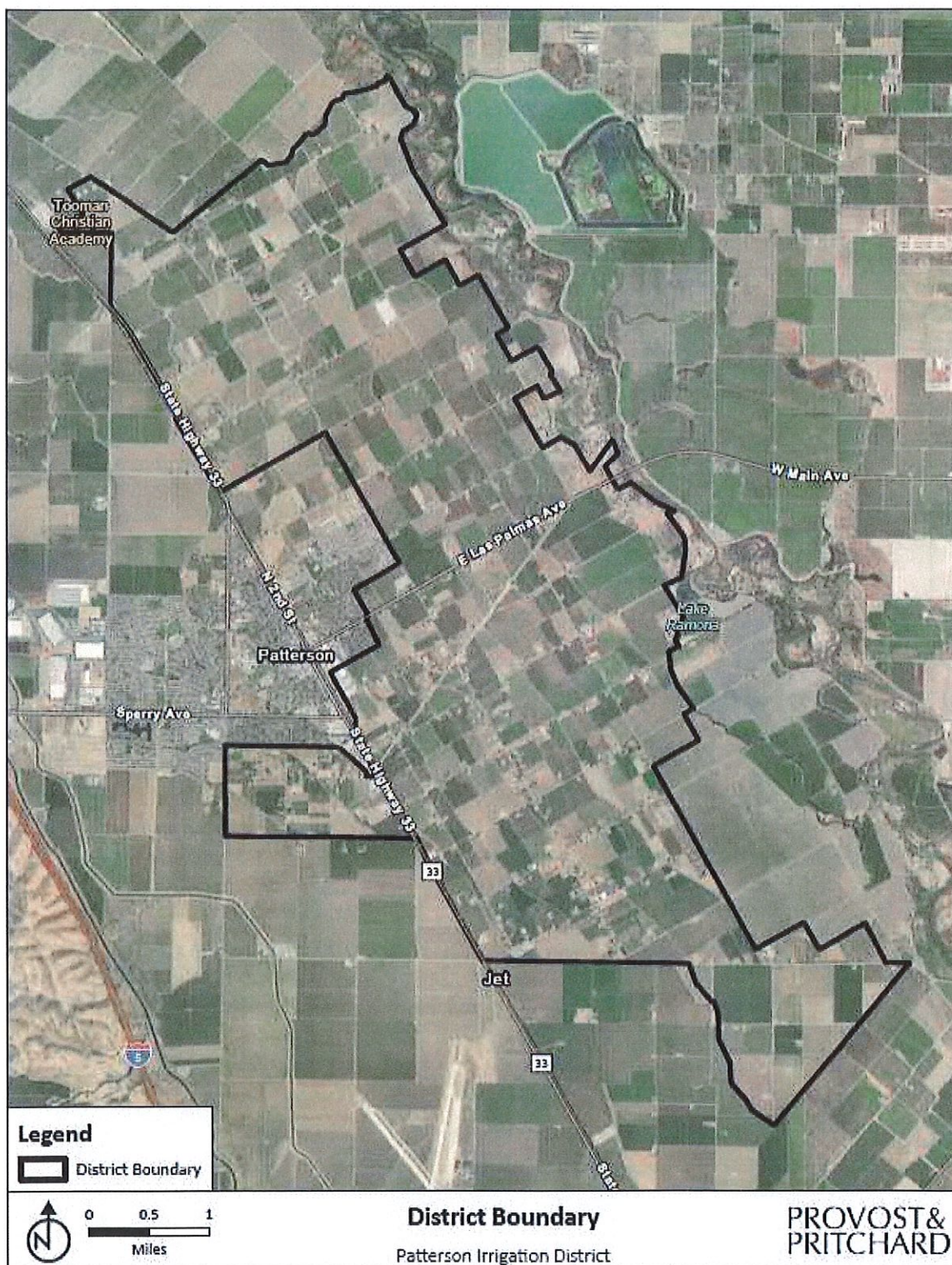


Figure 1 Patterson Irrigation District Boundaries

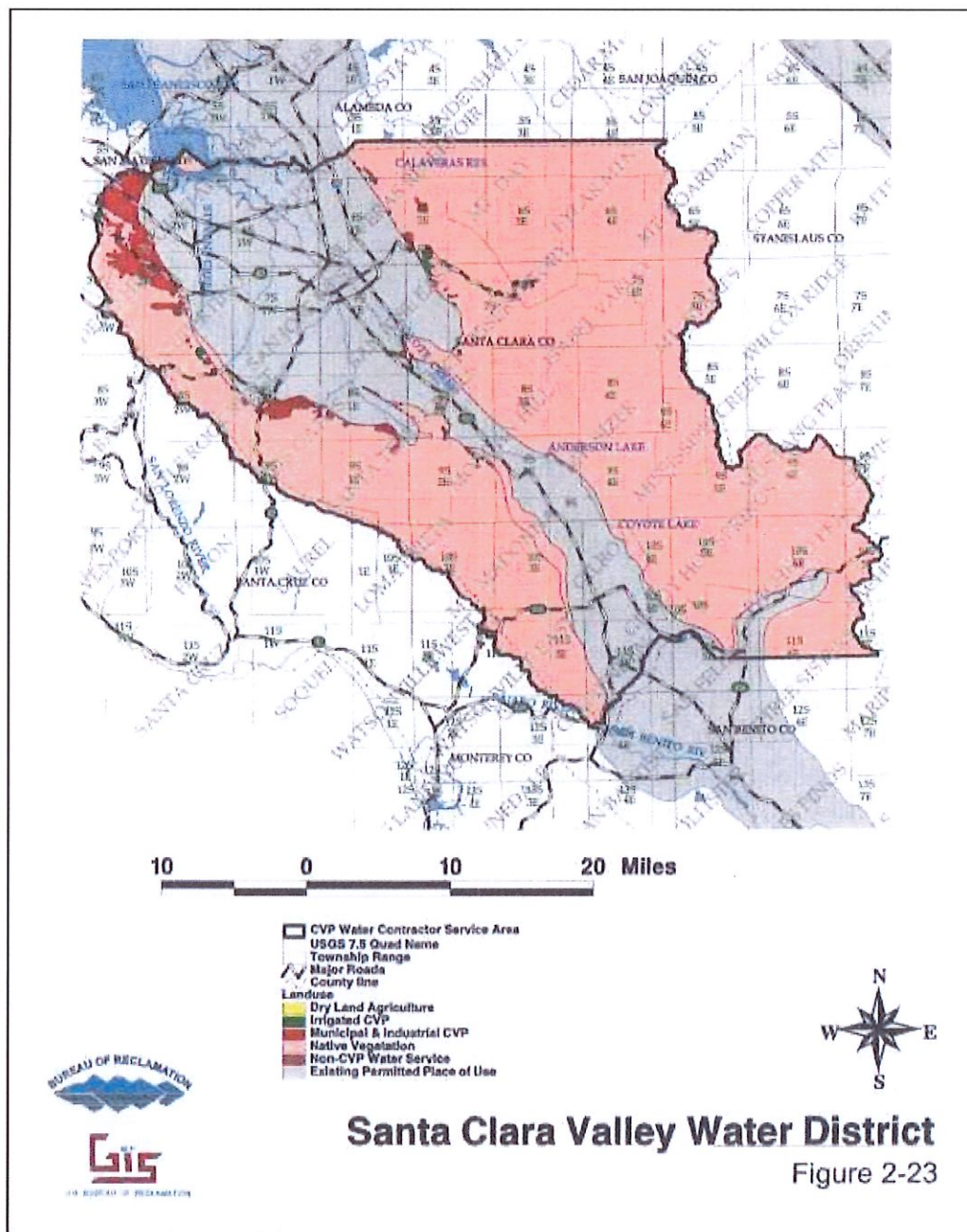


Figure 2 Santa Clara Valley Water District Boundaries