# **FACT SHEET**

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### **PROJECT OVERVIEW**

The Cities of Ceres and Turlock (Cities) formed the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority (SRWA) in 2015. In partnership with the Turlock Irrigation District (TID), the SRWA is constructing a multibenefit Regional Surface Water Supply Project (Project) as a resilient and sustainable source of drinking water that will reduce groundwater dependence, improve drinking water quality, diversify regional water supplies, and provide environmental benefits.

The Project consists of a river bed intake, pump station, water treatment plant, and pipelines to deliver water to the Cities' service areas for municipal and industrial uses. TID also will have the ability to use the pump station to deliver irrigation water to agricultural users.



## How will the Project benefit Ceres and Turlock?

The Project will deliver a long-term, sustainable water source that will supplement existing groundwater supply. Benefits for residents, businesses, agriculture, and government agencies include:

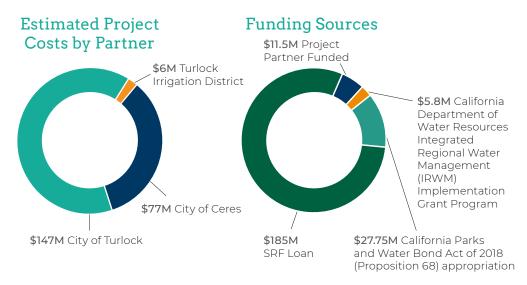
- Integrated surface water and groundwater system
- Diversified regional water supply
- Drought management
- Improved water quality
- Groundwater replenishment

### Why do we need the Project?

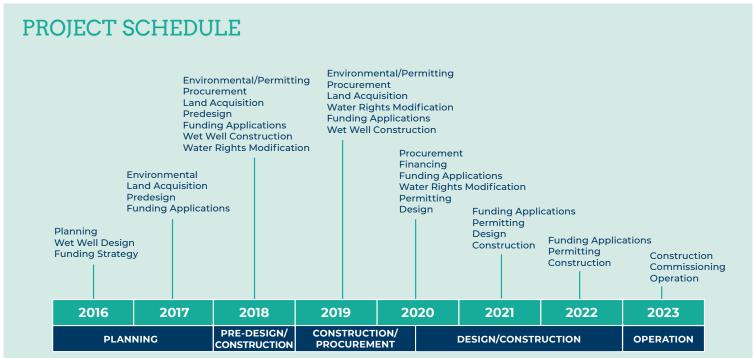
Groundwater is and has been the Cities' only source of drinking water. Groundwater, as the only drinking water supply, is unsustainable and has become less reliable due to a growing list of regulated contaminants. As groundwater treatment standards become even more stringent; well-head treatment costs, and costs for replacement wells will continue to rise. High quality surface water from the Tuolumne River, delivered from a single point of treatment, is more manageable and cost effective. Furthermore, the need for this project has grown more urgent as the State of California has identified the Turlock groundwater sub-basin as a high priority basin under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act which may further restrict utilization of the region's groundwater supply.

#### How is the Project Funded?

The project cost is currently estimated to cost \$230 million and will be funded by a combination of state grants (totaling over \$33.5 million) and a low-interest loan through the State Revolving Fund.



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Funding for this project has been provided in full or in part through an agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board.

California's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund is capitalized through a variety of funding sources, including grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and state bond proceeds. The contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views and policies of the foregoing, nor does mention of trade names or commercial products constitute endorsement or recommendation for use.