

# Orland-Artois Water District Annexation Proposal

## OVERVIEW

- Approximately 11,800 acres, all of which is currently farmed using groundwater
- 15 farming entities, the majority of whom already own land in OAWD
- \$10 million in new water delivery infrastructure

## GOAL

Allow applicants to purchase supplemental surface water that would be used in-lieu of groundwater, thus helping meet short- and long-term goals of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA). The purchase and delivery would be made through administration and oversight of the OAWD board.

## APPROVAL PROCESS

30% engineering design work and environmental review for CEQA/NEPA are currently underway.



## BENEFITS

- **AQUIFER PROTECTION:** Reduce groundwater demand through supplemental surface water deliveries
- **FULL USE OF OAWD WATER RIGHT:** Allow Class 2 access to OAWD Class 1 supply in years when excess is available. Water would be sold to Class 2 users based on terms/conditions set by OAWD board.
- **OAWD ASSESSMENT REDUCTON:** Some of OAWD’s fixed costs will be spread over more acres
- **EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATON OF COLUSA SUBBASIN GSP:** Basin needs to be sustainable by 2042

## FAQs

- Applicants will come in as “Class 2” users.
- Applicants **WILL NOT** have access to OAWD’s existing “Class 1” USBR CVP water contract.
- Applicants **WILL NOT** have a right to existing capacity in the OAWD distribution system, but may use the distribution system when excess capacity exists.
- Applicants are to pay for **ALL** capital costs of building new conveyance infrastructure, excluding grant funding.
- Applicants to pay **ALL** administrative, design, construction, and legal costs to complete the annexation.
- Applicants paid an up-front deposit to OAWD to cover **ALL** staff and administrative costs.