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Term	Definition
A-Clay	A discontinuous clay layer about 10 to 30 feet thick that underlies portions of the western side of the San Joaquin Valley at a depth of between 70 and 130 feet below ground surface. The A-clay pinches out east of San Mateo Road and west of the Mendota Airport.
Corcoran Clay	A clay layer that underlies much the San Joaquin Valley. In the Mendota area, it is about 50 feet thick and about 350 to 450 feet below ground surface.
Deep groundwater	Groundwater that is present between the A-clay (or its equivalent depth) and the Corcoran Clay. Wells penetrating this stratum are generally between 130 and 400 feet deep.
Electrical conductivity	A measure of the ability of a liquid to conduct electricity. Electrical conductivity increases with the amount of dissolved salts in the liquid. Electrical conductivity is often used to estimate salinity. Electrical conductivity can be empirically related to total dissolved solids as described below.
Exchange	A regulatory term referring to the trade, with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, of water in one location for an equivalent amount of water from some other source or location.
Fallow land	Agricultural lands that have been temporarily taken out of production (< 2 years) and will be returned to production as part of normal crop rotation. Lands are subject to weed control and disking. Fallow lands can be brought back into production immediately.
Idle land	Agricultural lands that have been removed from production for a period of greater than 2 years. Idle lands are not subjected to weed control. Idle lands would require significant amendments to make

	them suitable for agriculture.
Retired land	Agricultural lands that have been permanently removed from production.
Salinity	A measure of the amount of dissolved salts in water. As used in this document, salinity is a general term referring to the concentration of salts as measured by either electrical conductivity or total dissolved solids.
Shallow groundwater	Groundwater that is found above the A-Clay (or its equivalent depth). Wells penetrating this stratum are generally less than 130 feet deep.
Total dissolved solids	A measure of the mass of dissolved salts and minerals in a given volume of water, expressed as mg/L, and often used as a measure of salinity. Because of the variable mixture of salts in water, a theoretical relationship between TDS and EC cannot be derived. Based on direct measurements of TDS and EC in Mendota Pool surface waters, the following empirical relationship has been developed: TDS = 0.6426 * (EC) - 14.46.
Transfer pumping	A term of convenience referring to all water pumped into the Mendota Pool by the MPG for exchange with U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (i.e., the proposed action), delivery to Westlands Water District, and/or trade or sale to others. Transfer pumping does not include water pumped into Mendota Pool for use on "adjacent" lands.