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Residents of the 2,200-square-mile Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency (AVEC) will vote Tuesday on a \$49 million bond proposal to carry Feather River Project water to the valley and eastern Kern County cities and areas.

The proposal would finance construction of seven treatment plants and feeder lines to Rosamond, Boron and Mojave in Kern County, and Lancaster, Quartz Hill, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Lake Hughes and Gorman in Los Angeles County.

Wallace Spinarski, AVEC general manager, said contracts have been signed with 18 local water agencies to provide state water from AVEC's maximum entitlement of 138,400 acre-feet.

The state water is needed because of the overdraft on ground supplies, Spinarski said.

"Water tables have been dropping an average of 6 feet a year in the Antelope Valley," he said.

Other Southland elec-

tions Tuesday will be held in Santa Barbara and southern Mono County.

Voters in Santa Barbara High School District will decide on a 27-cent tax rate boost that would set the maximum levy at \$2.05, and in Santa Barbara Elementary School District on a 66-cent increase raising the maximum rate to \$3.06. Officials said if the increases are rejected, rates will revert to statutory limits set in 1937 of \$1.35 in the ele-

mentary district and 85 cents in the high school district.

Voters in both districts also will elect a member of the Santa Barbara Board of Education to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Eugene Harris.

Arthur L. Grossman, William Hayes and George M. Sidenberg are candidates.

A \$1,415,000 bond issue will be decided in the Southern Mono Hospital District.

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