

KINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE ESAJIAN BASIN PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Water District (District) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Esajian Basin Project. The public hearing will be held by the District on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 2:00pm, at the District Office, 200 N. Campus Drive, Hanford, CA 93230.

The Project area is 80 acres on the west side of 7th Avenue, between Dover and Excelsior Avenues in Kings County, CA (APN 002-190-003). Peoples Ditch currently runs from northeast to southwest through the eastern side of the property. The Project will include the development of a new 75-acre recharge basin and would realign Peoples Ditch in order to make the basin area more productive and manageable. The realignment of Peoples Ditch would require developing several associated control structures. SCADA may be involved in the modified control structures in Peoples Ditch as well as other operational improvements. New turnout facilities from Peoples Ditch will be developed to deliver water to the basin cells. Additionally, several groundwater monitoring facilities would be developed at the Project site.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office, 200 N. Campus Drive, Hanford, CA 93230. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on June 28, 2019 and end on July 29, 2019. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dawn Marple at Provost & Pritchard, 130 N. Garden Street, Visalia, CA 93291, or at dmarple@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.