

PIXLEY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE NEW LATERAL 4 AND DEER CREEK CHECK STRUCTURE RETROFIT
PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Pixley Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the New Lateral 4 and Deer Creek Check Structure Retrofit Project (Project). The public hearing will be held by the District on Thursday, August 8, 2019 at 9:00am, at the District Office, 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272.

The District is pursuing development of the surface water delivery system in phases. The first phase is to develop an open channel, gravity conveyance system beginning from the end of the existing West Main Canal and terminating in one of the basin alternatives. The facility will primarily run along the Avenue 116 alignment starting at Road 116 and end between Road 84 and Road 76, with two basin alternatives. Alternative one is the Road 84 basin, and alternative two is the Road 76 basin. Additionally, as a second phase, the District is pursuing options to retrofit the Deer Creek Check Structure with an automated gate system for better managing Friant water flows in Deer Creek for beneficial use within the District. Both Project sites are located in Tulare County, CA, west of Highway 99.

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, 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on July 2, 2019 and end on August 1, 2019. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Amy Wilson at Provost & Pritchard, 130 N. Garden Street, Visalia, CA 93291, or at awilson@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.

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