

FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SAVORY POND PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fresno Irrigation District (FID) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Savory Pond Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Monday September 7th, 2020 at 1:00pm, at the District Office, 2907 Maple Ave, Fresno, CA 93725.

The proposed project is for the construction of the FID Savory Pond groundwater basins on approximately 30 acres for the purpose of recharge. The District's Oleander No. 16 Canal runs through the northern portion of the parcel via a buried reinforced concrete culvert. The site consists of an existing 3.5± acre pond to the north of the existing Oleander No. 16 Canal culvert and approximately 20 acres to the south of the culvert which currently contains a storm drainage pond along with horse stables, small accessory structures, and fencing. Surface water is delivered to the existing pond via an inlet structure with a canal gate and an 18-inch diameter pipeline, located directly upstream of the culvert inlet headwall, to the pond's north corner. The canal also delivers surface water to the 3.5± acre pond via an inlet structure and 24-inch diameter pipeline to the pond's south corner. The inlet structure is located directly downstream of the Oleander No. 16 Canal culvert and utilizes a canal gate and long crested weir with flashboards for diversions. The Area of Potential Effect is approximately 30 acres and is located at the NW corner of Chestnut and Lincoln Avenues in Fresno County.

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, 2907 S Maple Ave, Fresno, CA 93725. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on August 7, 2020 and end on September 7, 2020. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 286 West Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711, or at bsholars@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.