



**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District (SWID) (a) has concluded after preparing an Initial Study (IS) that the SWID Pipeline Improvements for Bell Recharge Project would not have a significant effect on the environment; (b) has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and (c) anticipates recommending to the SWID Board that it approve the MND.

PROJECT NAME: SWID Pipeline Improvements for Bell Recharge Project

PROJECT LOCATION & DESCRIPTION: The proposed project would involve installation of a new, 1-mile-long, Class 125, 21-inch bi-directional PVC pipe within the Kern County road right-of-way (ROW) along Merced Avenue and Mannel Avenue. The new bi-directional pipeline would connect the north and south systems and facilitate water movement through the District. The new pipeline would begin within the District's easement at the intersection of Merced Avenue and Beech Avenue. The pipeline would run approximately one-half mile to the west, along the south side of Merced Avenue, turn north at the intersection of Merced Avenue and Mannel Avenue, then run one-half mile north along the east side of Mannel Avenue, to connect with SWID's north system. The pipeline would also connect to three existing turnouts west of Mannel Avenue (1.7-1.5-8, 1.7-1.5-10, and 1.7-1.5-12) and another existing 15-inch pipe section of Lateral 134.4-1.7S-1.5E, west of Mannel Avenue. Since turnout connections would require crossing of Mannel Avenue, the road would be trenched and repaved after pipe installation and pressure testing. The proposed project would also increase the capacity of an existing pump station (from 3 cfs to 10 cfs) on Beech Avenue, approximately one-half mile south of the new pipeline.

DOCUMENT REVIEW & AVAILABILITY: The 30-day public review period begins on November 19, 2020 and ends on December 18, 2020. A copy of the IS/proposed MND is available for public review at 6294 Central Valley Highway, Wasco, CA 93280, or online <http://www.swid.org/index.php/notices>.

CONTACT: Please send written comments to: Dana Munn, SWID, 16294 Central Valley Highway, Wasco, CA 93280, Fax: (661) 758-6167; Email: dmunn@swid.org, by no later than close of business (5:00 p.m.) on December 18, 2020.