
RAINBOW IX WATER BANK PROJECT
in TULARE COUNTY
For
PORTERVILLE IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AND CONSIDERATION OF MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

By authority delegated to its staff pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15025, Porterville Irrigation District hereby gives notice, pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21092, that it intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration with respect to the Rainbow IX Water Bank Project.

Project Location: The proposed project site is located in the south-west portion of Tulare County within the PID boundary, approximately 1 mile west of the City of Porterville. The proposed project would involve construction on approximately 50 acres within parcels 302-510-006 and 302-060-035. The site is currently operated as a groundwater recharge basin and is designated for agricultural use by the Tulare County General Plan and Tulare County Zoning Code.

Project Description: The purpose of the project is to bank water that is periodically available above current demands from the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project (Friant). The proposed project will involve the construction of new recharge basins totaling 48 gross acres, a new inlet and pipeline to the Tule River Intertie from an existing irrigation well, and new gravity fed outlets from the Phase 1 basins to the Phase 2 basins. This project does not entail any modification to the Friant Kern Canal. The Project will incorporate 13 gross-acres of existing recharge basins, an existing turnout from the FKC, existing 15" and 30" pipelines, and six existing wells.

Determination of Impacts: The project is not anticipated to have any long-term negative environmental impacts. Short-term construction related potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by use of proper construction methods and timing.

Initial Study: For further details regarding the Project Description, Project Location and the Determination of Impacts, please see a copy of the Initial Study.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Title 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15072, Porterville Irrigation District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Rainbow IX Water Bank Project. The public review period of this matter shall be deemed to have begun on the date of this notice and shall commence on July 9, 2021. Written comments should be delivered to Porterville Irrigation District, 22086 Avenue 160, Porterville, CA 93257. Copies of the Initial Study, draft Mitigated Negative Declaration, and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the aforementioned location. Electronic copies may be made available upon demand.

A public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be held on July 13, 2021 at 9:00 AM at the aforementioned location. Any person that desires more information about said project may telephone the office of Porterville Irrigation District at (559) 784-0716 and ask for Sean Geivet, General Manager.

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BY: Sean Geivet, General Manager
Porterville Irrigation District
