
ROCKFORD 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 Rockford 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 operation of a water bank on approximately 64 acres within parcels 302-510-006 and 302-060-035. The site is currently utilized for field crops and groundwater recharge. The property is designated for agricultural use by the Tulare County General Plan and Tulare County Zoning Code.

Project Description: The purpose of the proposed project is to bank water that is periodically available above current needs from the Tule River Intertie or Tipton Ditch and deliver that recovered water to lawful recipients within the allowed Places of Use. The project would involve the operation of a groundwater banking facility consisting of approximately 64 acres of existing recharge basin, one existing well, and one existing turnout structure from Tipton Ditch. No new construction is proposed as part of this project.

Determination of Impacts: The project is not anticipated to have any long-term negative environmental impacts. Potential impacts to water quality, and subsidence will be mitigated to less than significant levels. Short-term construction related potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by use of monitoring, reporting, and operational constraints programs.

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 Rockford 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 September 10, 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 September 14, 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 Nick Keller, General Manager.

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BY: Nick Keller, Interim General Manager
Porterville Irrigation District
