

NOTICE OF INTENT

To Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for
Central California Irrigation District and Henry Miller Reclamation District

Use of Copper to Control Algae and Aquatic Vegetation In District Facilities

Central California Irrigation District (“CCID”) and Henry Miller Reclamation District (“HMRD”, or collectively “Districts”) propose to apply algaecides and/or aquatic herbicides that contain copper to water within their facilities to control algae and aquatic vegetation. These proposed applications would be made on an as-needed basis to allow for the efficient delivery of irrigation and reclaimed water in the Districts’ facilities in Fresno, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties.

The proposed Project would include the following elements:

- Application of copper-based algaecides and/or aquatic herbicides; and
- Water quality monitoring and reporting to the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) and the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB)

To comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study for the proposed project was prepared. The Initial Study includes an environmental checklist that evaluates the potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. Based on the results of the Initial Study (IS), the Districts have determined that the proposed project can be carried out without significant impacts on the environment. Therefore, the Districts propose to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in order to meet obligations under CEQA.

Prior to taking final action on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, the Districts will consider public comments on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. All interested parties are invited to submit written comments to: Henry Miller Reclamation District, Attn: Copper IS/MND Comments, 11704 Henry Miller Ave, Dos Palos, CA 93620

The Initial Study, proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration, and supporting documents are available for public review at the HMRD District office, located at the above address, from 8 AM to 4 PM. Documents are also available for review at the CCID office from 8 AM to 5 PM, at 1335 West I St., Los Banos, CA 93635. The IS/MND are also available electronically at the following location:

<https://www.hmrdrd.net/notice-of-intent/>

The public review period begins on 12/8/2021 and ends on 1/10/2022. Documents will be posted to the State Clearinghouse as well: <http://www.ceqanet.ca.gov>. **All written comments must be received by the close of business on the last day of the review period.**

Public hearings on the draft IS/MND will be held during both District Board Meetings as follows:

- HMRD is scheduled to hear comments on **January 27, 2022 at 9:00 AM** in the Board Room at the District office located at 11704 Henry Miller Ave, Dos Palos, CA.
- CCID is scheduled to hear comments on **January 26, 2022 at 9:00 AM** in the Board Room at the District office located at 1335 West I Street, Los Banos, CA

After consideration of all comments, each Board will either certify or reject the proposed MND.