



DATE: March 11, 2022

SUBJECT: **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

PROJECT: **IN-DISTRICT GROUNDWATER RECHARGE AND RECOVERY PROJECT**

The Southern San Joaquin Municipal Utility District (District) has completed preparation of an Initial Study/proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the In-District Groundwater Recharge and Recovery Project (Project) and intends to adopt an MND as part of project review.

Project Overview: The proposed Project includes the construction of approximately 126 acres of spreading basins and a recovery well. The 126-acres of new spreading basins would be connected to the District's existing conveyance system, allowing for multiple lateral locations from the FKC. Spreading basins are essentially engineered ponds, excavated to shallow depths below the ground surface, that are kept partially full of standing water for sustained periods. By constructing the proposed spreading basins, this Project will improve regional infiltration capacity and provide direct recharge of groundwater supply.

Three sites are proposed for the development of recharge basins:

- The District - City of Delano spreading basin is located at APNs 521-090-35 and 521-090-13 and is approximately 32 acres in size.
- The City of Delano Stormwater Retention Basin is located at APNs 521-090-14 and 521-090-34 and is approximately 16 acres in size.
- The Giumarra Recharge Basin is located at Accessor Parcel Number (APN) 049-150-04 and is approximately 78 acres in size.

How to comment: You may view the IS/MND in person at 11281 Garzoli Avenue Delano, CA, 93215 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM (except holidays). The IS/MND may also be reviewed at the district website: <https://ssjimud.org/>

The 30-day comment period runs from **March 11 through April 11, 2022**. All comments regarding the IS/MND should be received **NO LATER THAN 4:00 p.m. on April 11, 2022**. Written comments should be submitted to:

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The SSJMUD Board will consider whether to adopt the IS/MND and approve or deny the project at the regularly scheduled meeting to be held on April 13, 2022.