

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

By authority delegated to its staff pursuant to 14 California Code of Regulations Section 15025, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District hereby gives notice, pursuant to California Public Resources Code Section 21092, that it intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration with respect to a proposed project.

Project Title	Paregien Basin Recharge Expansion Project
Project Proponent	Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
Project Description	The District intends to recontour the existing Paregien recharge basins to expand its groundwater recharge capacity. The proposed expansion Project will perform re-contouring of existing natural grades of available retention areas to provide a more uniform basin shape for water control and storage. This work will be accomplished with mechanical land moving equipment in conformance with design plans that will avoid or minimize impacts to the sites natural resources. The re-contoured areas are proposed to provide a uniform depth of 3 feet across all the areas and thereby increase the overall retention capacity by approximately 80 percent and provide sufficient hydraulic pressures to facilitate optimum percolation rates. The noted improvements should expand the water retention area to approximately 36 acres and provide a maximum capacity of 108 acre-feet, up from the current capacity of 60 acre-feet. The expansion is anticipated to generate 1,440 acre-feet per year of recharge in addition to the flood protection and environmental benefits.
Project Location	The proposed Project site is to northeast of the City of Farmersville. It is just south of State Route (SR) 198, east of Road 168, on Tulare County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 111-230-010, 111-230-015 & 111-190-027.
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 the mitigation described in the Initial Study.
Initial Study	An Initial Study pertaining to the described project for CEQA purposes has been prepared and is available for public review at the District's office as mentioned below or on the District's website at kdwcd.com .

The Initial Study of the environmental impact for the proposed project indicates that the proposed project will have no significant unmitigated effect on the environment.

The public review of this matter shall be deemed to have begun on the date of this notice. The last day for the public review period shall be deemed to be May 20, 2022. During the public review period, copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at the office of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District or on the District's website at www.kdwcd.com. The District will receive written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public review period. Comments should be sent to the to the attention of Larry Dotson, Senior Engineer, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, 2975 North Farmersville Boulevard, CA 93223-2302 or by email: ldotson@kdwcd.com.

A public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will occur during the Board of Directors meeting of the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at its office located at the aforementioned address.

Dated: April 13, 2022

KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By 
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