

## LE GRAND-ATHLONE WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE LE GRAND-ATHLONE WATER DISTRICT MERCED IRRIGATION DISTRICT CANAL INTERTIE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Le Grand-Athlone Water District (LGAWD or District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Le Grand-Athlone Water District Merced Irrigation District Canal Intertie Project (Project). The meeting will be held at the Le Grand Community Services District Office at 13038 E. Jefferson Road, Le Grand, California 95333, on Thursday, June 16, 2022, at 1:00 pm. The meeting agenda packet and minutes will be posted on the District's website [www.lgawd.org](http://www.lgawd.org).

LGAWD Board of Directors in a joint effort with MID proposes to construct the Project. MID's canal system provides the primary conveyance of surface water in the Merced Subbasin and is the Project's water source. The Project will construct a critical piece of infrastructure to help LGAWD, and the larger Merced Groundwater Subbasin, become more sustainable through reduced reliance on groundwater pumping. The Project includes improvements, rehabilitation, and expanding the existing MID canal capacity for approximately 9.8 miles and constructing approximately 4.9 miles of new canal and pipeline infrastructure from MID Booster Lateral #3 to LGAWD. The total Project area of potential effect is approximately 320 acres.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 216 Robertson Boulevard, Chowchilla, CA 93610. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on May 3, 2022 and end on June 3, 2022. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30th Street, Suite 280, Bakersfield, CA 93301, or at [dgiacomini@ppeng.com](mailto:dgiacomini@ppeng.com).