

# 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.

<b>Project Title</b>	Lower Kaweah Temporary Crossing Project
<b>Project Proponent</b>	Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District
<b>Project Description</b>	The District proposes to construct a temporary stream crossing over the Lower Kaweah River, which will provide a direct transportation route for heavy equipment. The temporary crossing will be required during the estimated 2-year development phase of Water Management Facility located on the south side of the Lower Kaweah River. Potential impacts resulting from the Water Management Facility construction and the trucks used to haul soil and heavy equipment have been analyzed in the Hannah Ranch Flood Control & Habitat Conservation Project Negative Declaration (SCH#2017071049). The crossing will span the channel a minimum of 220 feet and the adjoining approach ramps will be 100 feet in length, located through the channel banks. The Lower Kaweah River at the project site is an intermittent stream, with recognized non-flowing periods that regularly exceed several months during a yearly cycle. Construction will be scheduled to coincide within the window of time of a non-flow period. During these non-flowing periods groundwater infiltration occurs in this section of the stream due to a combination of high groundwater levels and local hydro-geologic conditions. Therefore, the site will require dewatering during the period of the crossing's construction.
<b>Project Location</b>	The proposed Project site is oriented across a portion of the Lower Kaweah River, approximately two miles southeast of the City of Woodlake. More specifically, the site is approximately 0.3 miles south of Avenue 332. The site is on Tulare County Assessor's Parcel Numbers 113-010-014, -003 & 113-060-013.
<b>Determination of Impacts</b>	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.
<b>Initial Study</b>	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 <a href="http://kdwcd.com">kdwcd.com</a> .

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 August 26, 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](http://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 attention of Larry Dotson, Senior Engineer, Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District, 2975 North Farmersville Boulevard, CA 93223-2302 or by email: [ldotson@kdwcd.com](mailto: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, September 6, 2022, at its office located at the aforementioned address.

Dated: July 19, 2022

KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By   
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