

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A DRAFT INITIAL STUDY FOR THE OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT 10 YEAR OUT-OF-DISTRICT WATER SALE PROGRAM. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oakdale Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a draft initial study/mitigated negative declaration for the proposed improvements and operations of the 10 Year Out-of-District Water Sale Program (Project). A public hearing for the Project will be on the agenda of the District's Board meeting on February 7, 2023, at 9:00 am the District Office, 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA. The Project proposes to provide surplus surface water when available from OID to up to 11,000 irrigated acres outside the OID boundaries in northeastern Stanislaus County generally between March and September from 2023-2032. Varying levels of construction are anticipated to be needed in order for the some of these Out-of-District lands to receive OID surplus water. Some landowners have existing canal delivery points (turnouts) and pipelines in place; others are adjacent to an OID canal but require a turnout and short length of new pipeline to be installed; other landowners are not adjacent to OID canals and will require a new turnout and a considerable length of new pipeline to be installed. The Project also proposes two private irrigation reservoirs, up to 4 acres and 15 acres in size, on landowner property. The Project involves agricultural properties at various locations within Stanislaus County. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed mitigated negative declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office and at www.oakdaleirrigation.com. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed mitigated negative declaration will begin on December 27, 2022 and end on January 26, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Scot Moody, General Manager, at either smoody@oakdaleirrigation.com, or 1205 East F Street, Oakdale, CA 95361.