

Notice of Intent to Adopt Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration by
Sutter Extension Water District
February 24, 2023

The Sutter Extension Water District (SEWD) proposes to sell up to 15,220 acre-feet (AF) of water to the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD), or other South of Delta purchasers, including one or more Central Valley Project contractors, or a buyer diverting the transfer water from within or upstream of the Delta (collectively, “Buyers”) during the 2023 irrigation season. SEWD proposes to make water available by idling cropland (i.e., non-irrigation of farmland by voluntary participants) and through groundwater substitution. Purchase of the water would lessen potential water supply shortages that the Buyers may occur as a result of dry hydrologic conditions and regulatory restrictions on the pumping in the Delta. Under the proposed project, water made available within the boundaries of SEWD could then be retained and stored in Lake Oroville by the Department of Water Resources for delivery.

Review Period: Members of the public are invited to comment on the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. The public review period will run from February 24, 2023 through March 25, 2023. During this time Sutter Extension Water District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Location of Copies: Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and all documents referenced therein are available for review at the Sutter Extension Water District offices, located at 4525 Franklin Road, Yuba City, California 95993, during regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please contact Lynn Phillips at the above address or at (530) 673-7138 with any comments.