

## FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MULTIPLE RECHARGE BASIN PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fresno Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the construction and operation of the Multiple Recharge Basin Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on May 18, 2023, at the District Office, 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA.

Fresno Irrigation District is proposing to construct four recharge basins in Fresno County to expand its groundwater recharge efforts. The basins will range in size from 29 to 48 acres (151 acres in total). The proposed benefits of all four basins includes recharge, new storage of floodwater, providing new habitat for waterfowl and to assist the District to maintain its commitments to the Kings River fisheries management program by providing place for fish management water to be diverted in dry years. These basins are all in a critical location for the District to perform recharge and will capture and use storm and flood water supplies available to the District. The following components will be consistent at each basin site location: basin depth will be up to 20 feet bgs, monitoring well, recovery well, metering stand and propellor flow meter, and perimeter fencing.

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. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on April 3, 2023 and end on May 3, 2023. Fresno Irrigation District is holding their Board meeting May 18, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Laurence Kimura, Chief Engineer, via email at [LKimura@fresnoirrigation.com](mailto:LKimura@fresnoirrigation.com) or 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.