DELANO-EARLIMART IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE TURNIPSEED BASIN PHASE VI EXPANSION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Delano-Earlimart Irrigation District (DEID) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Turnipseed Basin Phase VI Expansion Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Thursday, August 10, 2023 at 4:00 pm, at the District Office, 14181 Avenue 24, Delano, CA 93215.

The District acquired a 150-acre parcel and is in the process of acquiring a 20-acre parcel that would be used for the construction of a recharge basin with multiple cells to provide for sustainable management of surface and groundwater. The Project site is located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 338-120-010 and 338-120-011 at the intersection of Avenue 40 and Road 168, southwest Tulare County, northeast of the City of Delano.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed 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 at the District Office, 14181 Avenue 24, Delano, CA, 93215. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on June 27, 2023 and end on July 27, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.