

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE EMPIRE WEST SIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT TRANSFER OF SWP TABLE A CONTRACT AMOUNT FROM TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT PROJECT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Empire West Side Irrigation District (EWSID) plans to adopt a Negative Declaration for the proposed transfer of SWP Table A Contract amount from Tulare Lake Basin Water Storage District (TLBWSD). The document will be on the agenda of District's special Board meeting on October 25, 2023, at the District Office, Stratford, CA. The project proposes to permanently transfer 617 acre-feet of SWP Table A Contract amount from TLBWSD to EWSID. 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. EWSID 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 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 negative declaration will begin on September 22, 2023 and end on October 25, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Scott Sills, General Manager, at either [scott@lagunaid.com](mailto:scott@lagunaid.com), or P.O Box 66, Stratford, CA 93266.