

## ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ANNEXATION, SPHERE OF INFLUENCE UPDATE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Orland-Artois Water District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Annexation and Infrastructure Project (Project). The public hearing will be held at the Orland-Artois Water District – District Office, located at 6505 County Road 27, Orland, CA 95963, on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at 1:30 pm.

The proposed Project includes annexation of approximately 11,000 acres into the District boundary. To accomplish the annexation, the District, on behalf of the proposed annexed landowners, would apply to the Glenn Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCO). The proposed Project would also include infrastructure needed to deliver supplemental surface water to the newly annexed parcels. Annexed lands would be considered Class 2 District water users with the existing Class 1 District users taking precedence with respect to the District's United States Bureau of Reclamation's (Bureau) Central Valley Project contracted water supplies.

The infrastructure components would include seven turnouts with pumps on the Bureau's Tehama Colusa Canal (TCC); twenty-four new farm turnout locations; two new pump stations with an approximate capacity of thirty cubic-feet-per-second, added to existing pipelines; and approximately eight miles of new pipeline.

Designed facility capacities are based on projected peak demands and available topographical information. The proposed infrastructure would be constructed on either newly annexed private landowners' property, existing District landowners' property, Bureau's land adjacent to the TCC, on other private lands, and adjacent to and across several Glenn County roads. Spoils from infrastructure excavations would be managed on site and used as pipeline backfill. No spoil material would be exported. The pipeline diameter would range from eight to thirty inches. Steel casing pipe may be used in areas where the exposed pipe passes through the TCC bank. Steel casing pipe diameter would be thirty (30) inches or smaller.

The maximum depth of ground disturbance for pipelines and farm turnouts would be nine feet, while the booster pump stations would have a maximum depth of eighteen feet. Each construction area would contain temporary staging areas for construction equipment lay-down.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they would be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review upon written request to the District at 6505 County Road 27, Orland, CA 95963.

The document may also be accessed on the District's website at the following link: <https://www.oawd.org/annexation-information>.

The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on October 14, 2023, and end on November 14, 2023. Comments should be submitted in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste 280, Bakersfield, CA 93301 or at [dgiacomini@ppeng.com](mailto:dgiacomini@ppeng.com).

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