## SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE QQC REGULATING BASIN PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the South San Joaquin Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the QQc Regulating Basin Project (Project). The public hearing will be held at the District Office, located at 11011 E. Highway 120, Manteca, CA 95336, on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, at 6:30 pm.

The Project proposes to construct a regulating basin, a concrete flow control structure for Lateral Q, and a basin inlet pipe from Lateral Qc connected to a combined gravity and pumped concrete outlet structure and connection box. Project construction components are described in detail below:

- The proposed regulating basin would be approximately 18.8 acres with an operational volume of 52-acre feet. The basin would either be lined with high density polyethylene (HDPE) or clay. There would also be a three (3)-foot canal liner raise for Lateral Q upstream of the proposed reservoir for +/- 1,100 linear feet to the existing check structure.
- The Lateral Q concrete outlet flow control structure would be capable of passing 150 cubic feet per second (CFS) maximum. It would include three (3) Rubicon SMB 1050-3000-C Slip Meters.
- The Lateral Qc combined gravity and pumped concrete outlet structure and connection box would be capable of passing 25 CFS. It would consist of an approximately 42-inch Rubber-Gasketed Reinforced Concrete Pipe (RGRCP), one (1) Rubicon SMB 1050-2400-C Slip Meter, and would include pump, 24-inch PVC pipe, and miscellaneous fittings, meters, appurtenances, etc.

All excavation material would be balanced on-site. No spoils would be exported from the Project site. In order to power the pump, gate actuators and control systems for the SCADA, a new power connection would be required. The nearest power line follows the east side of Murphy Road, and a potential drop is near the existing control box just north of Ripon Fire Station 52.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) 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 will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the IS/MND are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 11011 E. Highway 120, Manteca, CA 95336. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed MND will begin on December 15, 2023, and end on January 15, 2024. Comments should be in writing and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group at 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or at <a href="mailto:bsholars@ppeng.com">bsholars@ppeng.com</a>.

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