

FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE RECHARGE BASIN PHASE II 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 Recharge Basin Phase II Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on May 16, 2024, at the District Office, 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA.

Fresno Irrigation District (FID) is proposing to construct three recharge basins in Fresno County within the boundary of the District. The Project would assist the District in expanding its groundwater recharge efforts. The basins would range in size from 20 to 80 acres (154 acres in total). The Project Area of Potential Affect (APE) is identified as 154 acres. The proposed benefits of all three 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 would capture and use storm and flood water supplies available to the District.

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, 2024, and end on May 2, 2024. Fresno Irrigation District is holding their Board meeting May 16, 2023. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Laurence Kimura, Chief Engineer, via email at LKimura@fresnoirrigation.com or 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.