

FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE TURNOUT ON THE FRIANT KERN CANAL AT BIG DRY CREEK PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fresno Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Turnout on the Friant-Kern Canal at Big Dry Creek Project (Project). The public hearing will be held at the District Office, 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725-2218, on Thursday August 8, 2024, at 3:00 pm.

The District and Fresno County are proposing to construct a new canal turnout that would divert and deliver water from the Friant Kern Canal into Big Dry Creek (BDC), which would provide direct recharge along the BDC channel north and east of the City of Clovis as well as other water deliveries downstream for recharge and other beneficial uses. The City of Clovis, and the unincorporated and mostly rural residential areas of the County of Fresno, would also benefit from the Project. The proposed turnout to BDC would be located in an area without surface water supplies and would directly benefit an area with declining groundwater levels and limited suitable areas for recharge.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an (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 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed IS/MND will begin on June 26, 2024, and end on July 25, 2024. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, 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 a hazardous waste or materials site.