

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Board of Directors of the St. Johns Water District hereby gives notice, pursuant to California Public Resources Code section 21092, that it intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration with respect to a proposed project.

Project Title	Modoc Ditch Headgate Structure Replacement St. Johns Water District
Project Description	The Proposed Project consists of replacing the existing Modoc Ditch Headgate Structure. The existing structure is aged and has insufficient diversion capacity from the St. Johns River. The Proposed Project consists of the removal and replacement of the existing concrete inlet structure and gate. The Proposed Project consists of concrete headwalls to support a new water control gate and a new concrete culvert through the South Bank of the St. Johns River. Proposed Project features will be located above-grade and maintain the current channel invert elevation. Construction activities will include demolition and removal of the existing structure, levee excavation to allow for culvert installation, concrete placement, control gate installation and backfill, compaction and surface restoration efforts to complete the new structure.
Project Location	St. Johns River, between N. St. Johns Parkway and N. Ben Maddox Avenue, Visalia, CA 93291. Section 20, T18S, R25E, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, as shown on the attached map.
Determination of Impacts	Short-term construction related potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by the use of construction specifications requiring proper and defined mitigation measures.

The Initial Study of the environmental impacts associated with the proposed project indicates that the proposed project will have no significant effect on the environment. In light of the foregoing, at its May 21, 2024, meeting, the Board of Directors of the St. Johns Water District adopted a motion authorizing this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

The public review of this matter shall be deemed to have begun with the adoption of the aforementioned motion on May 21, 2024. The last day for the public review period shall be deemed to be June 18, 2024. During the public review period, copies of the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration may be obtained at the office of the St. Johns Water District. The District will receive written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration during the public review period. Comments should be sent to the address indicated on this notice and to the attention of Dennis R. Keller, District Engineer.

A public hearing on the adoption of the proposed Mitigated Declaration will occur during the Board of Directors meeting of the St. Johns Water District, scheduled to commence at 7:15 a.m. on Tuesday, June 18, 2024, at its meeting location at 11878 Avenue 328, Visalia, CA 93291.

Dated: May 21, 2024

ST. JOHNS WATER DISTRICT

By 
James Silva, Secretary



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MODOC DITCH HEADGATE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
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