

**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
OF
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ST. JOHNS WATER DISTRICT**

**COUNTY CLERK
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The project hereafter described will, in our evaluation, have no significant effect on the environment and does not, therefore, require the filing of an Environmental Impact Report.

Board of Directors
St. Johns Water District

By: _____
James Silva, Secretary

Dated: _____

Project Location:

Modoc Ditch Headgate Structure Replacement at the St. Johns River, City of Visalia.

See Figure 1, attached.

Brief description of project:

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 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.

Reason(s) for mitigated negative declaration finding:

The Project will result in no adverse long-term environmental impacts. Short-term construction related potential impacts will be mitigated to a less than significant level by use of construction specifications requiring defined mitigation measures.

Initial study prepared by:

Dennis R. Keller, Consulting Civil Engineer for
St. Johns Water District

Initial study available at:

St. Johns Water District
15370 Avenue 256
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SCALE: 1"=500'



PROJECT LOCATION
MODOC DITCH HEADGATE STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
ST JOHNS WATER DISTRICT

DENNIS R. KELLER CCE, INC.