

**BANTA-CARBONA IRRIGATION DISTRICT  
NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Project described below has been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code Section 21100, et seq.) and a determination has been made that it will not have a significant effect upon the environment.
2. PROJECT NAME: SGMA Phase 2 Conjunctive Use Project
3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: The Project will provide an average annual volume of 2,400 acre-feet per year of surface water to replace groundwater pumping, eliminate a projected average annual 800 acre-feet deficit, and provide a factor of safety for modeling inaccuracies and climate change uncertainties.

The pump station expansion required to deliver the surface water will consist of an addition of two (2) new concrete pump bays. Two (2) pumps will be installed and connected to an existing thirty-six (36) inch diameter pipeline. There will be one (1) thirty-five (35) cubic feet per second (cfs) pump with a 350 horsepower (hp) motor, and one (1) fifteen (15) cfs pump with a 150 hp motor. Associated electrical equipment will be required to operate the two (2) small pumps and motors. One small security building will be constructed to protect the electrical equipment from theft and weather. Electricity is currently available at the site for the pump station.

The Project will consist of permitting, acquisition of easements, design, construction, and continued monitoring of surface water deliveries to quantify the effect on reduced groundwater pumping. The Project will consist of construction of a minimum of twelve thousand (12,000) linear feet of 18- to 36-inch diameter pipelines, and expansion of an existing pump station. The pipeline will be constructed through irrigated farmland that has been continuously disturbed for the past several decades.

4. LOCATION OF PROJECT: The Project is in the Tracy Subbasin, immediately adjacent to and to the east of BCID in San Joaquin County.
5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROJECT PROPONENT: Banta-Carbona Irrigation District, 3514 W. Lehman Road, Tracy, California 95304-9336, (209) 835-4670.
6. MITIGATION MEASURES: None
7. A copy of the Initial Study regarding the environmental effect of this Project is on file at the office of Banta-Carbona Irrigation District set forth above. This study was:

Adopted as presented.

Adopted with changes. Specific modifications supporting reasons are attached.

8. Banta Carbona Irrigation District considered this Negative Declaration at a public meeting of its Board of Directors on October 16, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.

9. DETERMINATION: *(To be completed by the Lead Agency)*

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

- I find that the proposed Project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and this NEGATIVE DECLARATION is adopted.
- I find that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the Project have been made by or agreed to by the Project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed Project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed Project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed Project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed Project, nothing further is required.

Signature



Date

10.16.24