

EAST KAWEAH GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SENTINEL BUTTE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY FLOOD CAPTURE BASIN PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the East Kaweah Groundwater Sustainability Agency (EKGSA) plans to adopt an initial study/mitigated negative declaration (IS/MND) for the Sentinel Butte Mutual Water Company Flood Capture Basin Project (Project). The public hearing to consider the Project and the accompanying IS/MND is tentatively scheduled to be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 3:00 pm, in the District Board Room located at 240 West Lindmore Street, Lindsay CA 93247.

The Project is located in Woodlake, Tulare County. The Project would entail constructing a new multi-cell flood water capture basin on an approximate 30-acre site and includes a new turnout structure within the existing Wutchumna Ditch. The proposed basin Project would capture high flows during flood periods primarily from the Kaweah River through the Wutchumna Ditch and divert water into the proposed basin cells.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an IS/MND has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The EKGSA has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed IS/MND are on file and available for public review at the District Board Room, 240 West Lindmore Street, Lindsay CA 93247. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed IS/MND will begin on September 11, 2024, and end on October 11, 2024. Comments should be in writing, if possible, 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.