

FRESNO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE RECHARGE BASIN PHASE III PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fresno Irrigation District (FID or District) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the construction and operation of the Recharge Basin Phase III Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on December 12, 2024, at the District Office, 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA.

The District is proposing to construct three recharge basins in Fresno County within District boundaries. The basins will range in size from 19 to 53 acres and will all connect to the FID Thompson No. 54 canal, and a pipeline running north to Barstow Ave on adjacent private land connecting to the Herndon No. 39 Canal existing District water conveyance facilities. All three sites may have extraction wells and recovery wells constructed. All the proposed basins will have perimeter fencing. The total Project Area of Potential Affect (APE) for biological and cultural surveys is identified as 93 acres for all three sites. The proposed benefits of all three basins includes recharge, new storage of floodwater, providing new habitat for waterfowl and to assist the District to maintain its commitments to the Kings River fisheries management program by providing place for fish management water to be diverted in dry years. These basin sites are all in a critical location for the District to perform recharge and would capture and use storm and flood water supplies available to FID.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed action and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on October 28, 2024, and end on November 26, 2024. Fresno Irrigation District is holding their Board meeting December 12, 2024. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Laurence Kimura, Chief Engineer, via email at LKimura@fresnoirrigation.com or 2907 South Maple Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.