

KAWEAH DELTA WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE JOHNSON SLOUGH RECHARGE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Consolidated People's Ditch Company Johnson Slough Recharge Project (Project). The public hearing to consider the Project is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 9:00 am, in the District Board Room located at 2975 N Farmersville Blvd, Farmersville, CA 93223.

The Consolidated Peoples Ditch Company is proposing to develop a recharge basin on a property north of the Johnson Slough east of the Kaweah Oaks Preserve along Road 182, north of Highway 198. The Project is anticipated to include an approximately 18-acre basin that is an off-stream basin diverting from Johnson Slough. It is also anticipated there will be an ability to return water from the new basin back into Johnson Slough for potential use downstream. The Project would also include conservation space in the way of native plant species planting.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The District 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Board Room, 2975 N Farmersville Blvd, Farmersville, CA 93223. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on April 23, 2025, and end on May 22, 2025. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Jarred Olsen at Provost & Pritchard, 400 E. Main Street, Suite 300, Visalia, CA 93291, or at jolsen@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.