

## OMOCHUMNE-HARTNELL WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR OMOCHUMNE-HARTNELL WATER DISTRICT: GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Omochumne-Hartnell Water District (OHWD) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Groundwater Recharge Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on September 18, 2018 at 10:00 am, at the District Office at 7513 Sloughhouse Road, Elk Grove, CA.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has awarded funding to the OHWD to construct the proposed Groundwater Recharge Project (proposed Project) in the vicinity of the Cosumnes River in southeast Sacramento County, CA. Over a 10-year period, the proposed Project will use two existing diversion points on the Cosumnes River to flood dormant agricultural fields in the off-irrigation season between the months of November and March when streamflow is high and excess water is available. The proposed Project will divert a minimum of approximately 4,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of water in 'normal' years to recharge the groundwater aquifer. The system will be designed to divert and recharge up to 6,000 AFY during 'wet' periods when sufficient diversion water is available in the river, using two existing pump houses and pipelines, and installation of two additional pump houses and a conveyance system.

The Project is located near Wilton in central Sacramento County. The Project site is located south of Route 16 and directly west of the Cosumnes River. The Project consists of three candidate fields that compose two independently-operating Project areas. All three candidate sites lie between Deer Creek and the Cosumnes River, near the Folsom South Canal.

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 with mitigation.

The District originally noticed this Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration on July 11, 2018 and opened a 30-day public comment period that was to close on August 9, 2018 allowing for an original hearing date of August 21, 2018. On August 6, 2018, the District decided to extend the public comment period until August 25, 2018.

Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for public review on the District's website: [http://www.ohwd.org/ESW/Files/2018-0710-DRAFT\\_IS-MND.pdf](http://www.ohwd.org/ESW/Files/2018-0710-DRAFT_IS-MND.pdf)

As noted, above, the revised public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration began on July 11, 2018 and

will now end on August 25, 2018. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dawn E. Marple at Provost & Pritchard, 4701 Sisk Rd, #102 Modesto, CA 95356, or at [dmarple@ppeng.com](mailto:dmarple@ppeng.com).