

WHEELER RIDGE-MARICOPA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Public Meeting

PROJECT NAME: Mettler Groundwater Recharge Project

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Project would entail the construction, operation, and maintenance of a groundwater recharge facility to be located in the southwestern portion of Kern County. The Project involves the construction of a recharge basin on ±60-acres, construction of no more than 1,000 linear feet of water transmission pipeline (±1 acre - disturbed; 3 optional alignments are considered) from a new 48-inch turnout from the 850 Canal near the existing pumping plant area to the ±60-acre recharge facility, and the temporary disturbance of ±20 acre-portion of the subject APNs for construction staging and stockpiling of materials removed during construction of the basins and pipeline.

PROJECT LOCATION: APNs 238-380-05 & 15, encompassing ±199 acres each for a total of ±398 acres.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: An Initial Study prepared for the Project determined that all potentially significant impacts resulting from Project implementation can be mitigated to a level of insignificance. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is recommended.

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SITES: The project site is not listed on a hazardous material list pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District's Board will hold a public meeting on the Project. The meeting is scheduled for: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 at 9:15a.m.; District Headquarters – 12109 Highway 166, Bakersfield, Kern County, CA, 93313.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration may be submitted in writing from July 7 through August 7, 2018 and orally at public Meetings or meetings considering these documents. Written comments should be sent to Louise Palmer, Senior Planner c/o Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, at the address listed below. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the Wheeler Ridge-Maricopa Water Storage District Office, located at 12109 Highway 166, Bakersfield, CA 93313.

For more information about the project and the related environmental analysis:

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