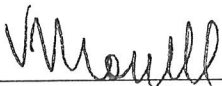


NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Notice is hereby given that the public agency named below has completed an Initial Study of the following described project at the following location: FILED KERN COUNTY	
Public Agency:	Buena Vista Water Storage District AUG 07 2013
Project Name:	Water-Use and Irrigation Efficiency Project
Project Location – Identify street address and cross streets or attach a map showing project site (preferably a USGS 15' or 7 1/2' topographical map identified by quadrangle name):	MARY B. REDARD AUDITOR-CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK BY <u> </u> DEPUTY The Project contains three separate components, located as follows: The Elk Reserve Turnouts are located at three areas along the east side of the District's existing East Side Canal, along the southeasterly boundary of the Buttonwillow Service Area in Section 14, Township 30 South, Range 24 East, MDM. The West Side Canal Lining is located within an approximately one-mile long segment of the District's existing West Side Canal in Section 20, Township 27 South, Range 22 East, MDM, approximately one mile west of Interstate 5. The Semitropic Pipeline Turnout is located where Semitropic Water Storage District's existing 10-foot diameter pipeline crosses beneath the West Side Canal, in Section 7, Township 27 South, Range 22 East, MDM, approximately 0.2 mile west of Interstate 5. The locations described above are depicted in Figures 1 through 4 of the project Initial Study.
This Initial Study was completed in accordance with the State's Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act. This Initial Study was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of such Initial Study, the Lead Agency's Staff has concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, and has therefore prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The Initial Study reflects the independent judgment of the Lead Agency.	
☐ The Project site IS on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
☒ The Project site IS NOT on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5.	
☒ The proposed project IS considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
☐ The proposed project IS NOT considered a project of statewide, regional or areawide significance.	
☐ The proposed project WILL affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
☒ The proposed project WILL NOT affect highways or other facilities under the jurisdiction of the State Department of Transportation.	
☐ A scoping meeting WILL be held by the Lead Agency.	
☒ A scoping meeting WILL NOT be held by the Lead Agency.	
Copies of the Initial Study and Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and are available for public review at the Lead Agency's office, located at: 525 North Main Street, Buttonwillow CA 92306	
The Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are available in electronic format by contacting Victoria Morrell at Krieger & Stewart via email at vmorrell@kriegerandstewart.com.	
Comments will be received from August 7, 2013 to September 6, 2013	
Any person wishing to comment on this matter must submit such comments, in writing, to the Lead Agency by no later than close of business on September 6, 2013 . Comments of all Responsible Agencies are also requested.	
The Lead Agency will consider the project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration at its meeting on September 18, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. , which will be held at the District's office located at 525 North Main Street, Buttonwillow CA 92306 .	

If the Lead Agency finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment, it may adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration. This means that the Lead Agency may proceed to consider the project without the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

Date Received
for Filing: _____



Victoria E. Morrell
KRIEGER & STEWART
District Consulting Engineer
Buena Vista Water Storage District

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