

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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From:

Public Agency: Pixley Irrigation District
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Lead Agency (if different from above):
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2018061049

Project Title: Addendum to the Pixley Recharge Basin, "Deer Creek Basin Expansion" Project

Project Applicant: Pixley Irrigation District

Project Location (include county): unincorporated Tulare County

Project Description:

See attached Project Description.

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TULARE COUNTY

MAY 15 2026

ASSESSOR / CLERK-RECORDER
BY:

This is to advise that the Pixley Irrigation District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on May 14, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

- 1. The project [will] will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [were] were not made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

Pixley Irrigation District - District Office located at 357 E Olive Street, Tipton, CA 93272

Signature (Public Agency): Title: Operations Manager

Date: 05/14/2026 Date Received for filing at OPR:

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The Project would include a 38-acre expansion of the Pixley Recharge Basin from 160 to 198 acres. The Project would utilize excess surface water from the Friant Division of the Central Valley Project for groundwater recharge. Any surface water to be diverted to the recharge basin during operations would include imported surface water, either through purchase, contract, or transfer. The Pixley Irrigation District Recharge Basin is currently named the Deer Creek Basin, and this Project is identified as the Deer Creek Basin Expansion Project.

The proposed groundwater recharge basin expansion would be composed of cells totaling 38 acres which would be adjacent to the existing 160-acre basin. Water would be diverted from the existing canal which runs adjacent to the property and parallel to Highway 99. Vehicular access to the Project would be available on Avenue 72 where a network of unpaved private roads on the property provides full access to the recharge basin. During construction, workers would utilize existing facility parking areas and/or temporary construction staging areas for parking vehicles and equipment. During operation of the Project, maintenance vehicles would be required to come approximately three times a week for required maintenance. However, the Project would not require any permanent, on-site employees during operation. No additional utilities or electrical service would be required as a part of the Project