

## LOWER TULE RIVER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE POPLAR BASIN PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Lower Tule River Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the construction and operation of the Poplar Basin Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on August 12, 2025, at the District Office, 357 E. Olive Avenue, Tipton, CA 93272.

The new 40-acre recharge basin facility is comprised of two (2) 20-acre basins and would include a new turnout connection from the District's Casa Blanca Ditch on the southern end of the property and approximately 100 feet of pipeline. The basin would generally be rectangular shape surrounded by lands in active agricultural production. There are two existing turnouts and a check structure along the Casa Blanca Ditch running along the southern border of the Area of Potential Effect (APE). Overhead electricity lines run along the northern border of the APE with an existing power pole near the northeast corner of the APE.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) 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 incorporated. Copies of the IS/MND are on file and available for public review at the District Office. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the IS/MND will begin on June 5, 2025, and end on July 7, 2025. Lower Tule River Irrigation District is holding their Board meeting August 12, 2025. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars, Principal Environmental Planner with Provost & Pritchard, via email at [bsholars@ppeng.com](mailto:bsholars@ppeng.com) or 455 W. Fir Avenue, Clovis, CA 93611.