STOCKTON EAST WATER DISTRICT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the project described below has been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code Section 2100, et seq.)

2. PROJECT NAME: Aquifer Storage and Recovery Program

3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: Stockton East Water District (District) proposes to utilize existing supply Well 74-01 for an aquifer storage and recovery (ASR) program on the premises of the Dr. Joe Waidhofer Drinking Water Treatment Plant (WTP). Recharge to the aquifer will utilize drinking water from the WTP at an estimated rate of 450 gallons per minute (gpm). The drinking water is derived from the District's diversion of water from the Calaveras River and the Stanislaus River. The recovery of the stored water (production) will occur at rates up to 1,500 gpm. The production volume will be limited to between 70% and 80% of the recharge volume. The stored water will serve as a dry-year supplemental supply to the WTP and will also serve to restore groundwater storage in the aquifer during wet years. The discharge of stored water from Well 74-01 will be conveyed to the South Raw Water Reservoir via an existing pipeline. Water in the reservoir will be treated to drinking water standards prior to delivery to the Urban Contractors distribution systems. Two 4-inch-diameter observation wells (OW) will be installed within 100 feet of Well 74-01, including a 200-foot shallow well and a 500-foot deep well, to monitor changes in groundwater levels (WLs) and changes in deep water quality during ASR operations. A second deep OW will be installed approximately 3500 feet northeast of Well 74-01, along an on-site access road, to monitor WL changes.

4. LOCATION OF PROJECT: The proposed project is located in the County of San Joaquin, State of California, on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 101-04-023 and 101-05-003. Sections 65, 75, and 76of the Campo De Los Franceses land grant system, as shown on the 1968 Stockton East Quadrangle topographic map. Section 4 of T01N, R07E and Section 33 of T02N, R07E, Mount Diablo Base Meridian, if the Public Land Survey System were extended into the area on the 2021 topographic map.

5. NAME AND ADRESS OF PROJECT PROPONENT: Stockton East Water District, 6767 East Main Street, Stockton, CA 95212

6. MITIGATION MEASURES: None

7. A copy of the Initial Study and Checklist regarding the environmental effects of the project is on file at the offices of the Stockton East Water District as set forth above. This study was:

   _____ Adopted as presented

   _____ Adopted with changes. Specific modifications supporting reasons are attached.

8. DETERMINATION: On the basis of the Initial Study of environmental impact, the information presented at hearings, comments received on the proposal, and our own knowledge and independent research:

   _____ We find the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION is hereby adopted.

   _____ We find that while the project COULD have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because the mitigation measures described on an attached sheet have been added to the project, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION is hereby adopted.

   _____ We find the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

Date: _____

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