EXETER IRRIGATION DISTRICT

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

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Exeter Irrigation District (District) intends to adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Paregien Basin Project ("Project"). The public hearing to consider adoption of the IS/MND will be held at the District Office, 150 S E Street Exeter, CA 93221, on Thursday February 12, 2026, at 1:30 pm.

The District plans to develop an approximately 50-acre recharge facility known as the Paregien Basin located directly south of Highway 198, northeast of the City of Farmersville. The new groundwater basin would include a new turnout connection from Deep Creek. The Project would also include approximately 350 feet of pipeline connecting the new turnout to the proposed basin. The pipeline connection from the proposed recharge basin to Deep Creek will be located on the south side of the existing West Pond, which is not a part of the Project. The area to the north and east of the existing pond will be avoided as it has been identified as a potentially sensitive habitat area. No Project activities will occur in this area.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an IS/MND has been prepared, evaluating the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The District has determined that potentially significant environmental impacts can be reduced to less than significant level with implementation of identified mitigation measures. Copies of the IS/MND are on file and available for public review upon written notice to 150 S E Street Exeter, CA 93221. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed IS/MND begins on December 19, 2025, and ends on January 20, 2026. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis CA 93611, or email at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The Project site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.