

# NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

**TO:**  Office of Planning and Research  
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113  
Sacramento, California 95814

County Clerk, County of Tulare  
Courthouse, County Civic Center  
Visalia, California 93291

**FROM:** Lead Agency and Applicant  
St. Johns Water District  
15370 Avenue 256  
Visalia, CA 93292  
Attn: Mr. James Silva  
(559) 747-1177

**SUBJECT:** Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

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**Project Title**

Sk Vanderstelt Recharge Basin Project

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**State Clearinghouse Number** (If submitted to State Clearinghouse)

2026020040

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**Project Applicant**

St. Johns Water District

**Contact Person**

Dennis R. Keller, Consulting Engineer

**Area Code/Telephone/Extension**

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**Project Location** (Include county)

St. Johns River, north of the City of Visalia, between Road 122 and Pratt Road; Section 12, T18S, R24E and Section 7, T18S, R25E, MDB&M, Tulare County.

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**Project Description**

The Proposed Project consists of the construction of new recharge basins, a new concrete diversion weir and turnout structure in the St. Johns River to facilitate groundwater recharge in areas adjacent to the main channel. The Proposed Project also includes a discharge structure downstream that will enable the District to return unused surface water to the main channel for downstream purposes. Construction will include the clearing and site preparation, including excavation for the diversion weir, turnout and discharge structures, earthwork, backfill, compaction and surface restoration efforts to complete the recharge basins and new structures.

This is to advise that the **St. Johns Water District** has approved the above described project on March 4, 2026 and has made the following determinations regarding the above 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 Consideration [ 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 Mitigated Negative Declaration with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:

**15370 Avenue 256, Visalia, Tulare County, California**

Date Received for Filing and Posting at  
OPR:

Signature (Public Agency)

General Manager  
Title

Date

4/8/26