

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

DATE: JUNE 26, 2026

PROJECT: ROSE RECHARGE BASIN PROJECT

LEAD AGENCY: CONSOLIDATED IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The Consolidated Irrigation District is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) lead agency and project sponsor. It is responsible for implementation and operation of the Rose Recharge Basin Project.

CONTACT

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PROJECT LOCATION

The Proposed Project is located approximately 2 miles east of Selma, California. It is bordered by Rose Avenue to the south and the Kingsburg Branch Canal to the north and east. The project latitude is 36.57231° and the longitude is -119.56035°.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The proposed project includes construction of a new approximately 34-acre recharge basin, including earthwork and structures, on Consolidated Irrigation District (District)-owned land at 12796 Rose Avenue, identified as APN 393-031-23 in Fresno County (See Figure 1). With two exceptions, the site is currently vacant and clear of vegetation, having previously supported vine crops. There is one large cork tree and one large oak tree on the property that will be maintained by constructing a "peninsula" levee around them. The project could potentially provide over 2,000 acre-feet of groundwater recharge annually based on an assumed infiltration rate of one foot per day for approximately 60 days per year.

Compacted earthen levees will be constructed along the perimeter of the site and one interior levee running in the east-west directly will divide the basin roughly in half. The levees will be approximately 4-feet above existing ground and keyed into the existing soil to a depth of 18-inches. The top of the levees will be 20-feet wide and the sides will be sloped at 5:1 (horizontal to vertical). Soil material used to construct the levees will be excavated from the interior of the site such that the

volumes of excavation and levee fill are roughly equal and no soil material will need to be imported or exported from the site.

The District's Kingsburg Branch Canal runs along the northeast border of the site and near to the east border. A new concrete turnout structure will be constructed on the west bank of the canal a short distance upstream of an existing canal check structure. The turnout will include a metal trash rack at the inlet and canal gate with an integral acoustic flow meter. A concrete pipeline will cross under the northeastern levee, connecting the turnout structure to the basin. The area around the pipe outlet will be armored with rip rap rock slope protection to minimize erosion. A second concrete structure with a canal gate and pipeline will be constructed through the interior levee to regulate discharges from the northern to the southern half of the basin. A new barbed wire fence will be constructed along the site perimeter with one or more vehicle access gates.

An existing agricultural production well located on the site will be abandoned in accordance with Fresno County requirements. An existing domestic well located near the aforementioned cork and oak trees will be preserved and used strictly for measuring groundwater levels. Two existing homes and several agricultural buildings which are clustered together near the domestic well and the two trees will be demolished and removed from the site. Prior to demolition, the existing building materials will be tested for the presence of asbestos, and if necessary, remediation will be implemented.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION

Consolidated Irrigation District has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Rose Basin Project. The District has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, Consolidated Irrigation District intends to adopt a Negative Declaration (ND) for the Project in accordance with CEQA. Consolidated Irrigation District will consider adopting the ND as part of its consideration of the Proposed Project at a future public board meeting.

PUBLIC REVIEW

A 30-day public review period will begin on July 10, 2026 and end on August 10, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. Any interested person or agency may comment on this matter by submitting written comments to Phil Desatoff, General Manager, Consolidated Irrigation District, via postal mail to 2255 Chandler St., Selma CA 93662; or via email to info@cidwater.com.

All comments must be in writing, must be received within the public review period, and should indicate a contact person for your agency or organization, if applicable. Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding.

Digital versions of the Notice of Intent, Initial Study and ND are available on the Consolidated Irrigation District website: cidwater.com.

Copies may be reviewed during business hours at Consolidated Irrigation District's main office at 2255 Chandler St., Selma CA 93662.

Submitted by:

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6/25/26

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