

Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: The Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District (District) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration on the proposed Grants Check Structure Project (Project), which includes the construction of a replacement water flow regulating structure. The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project.

Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Grants Check Structure Project

Project Location: The proposed Project site is oriented across a portion of the St. Johns River, approximately 2,100 feet west of Road 108 and 1,020 feet south of Avenue 328, north of the City of Visalia.

Project Description: The District proposes to reconstruct a failed water flow regulating structure within the St. Johns River. A new concrete pad will be installed for the placement of the pneumatically actuated gates, which will span the entire width of the existing St. Johns River channel on the new concrete pad. The gate system relies on an airbladder to inflate and raise or deflate and lower the gate system and is composed of a gate panel, anchoring system, air bladder, hinge flap, clamp casting, seals, and retraining straps. The Project will be designed to meet the flow capacity of 8,000 cubic feet per second. The pneumatic gate is designed to be low maintenance, allowing large debris, tree logs or stumps to pass with flowing water without any blockage. The gates will allow the flow to be regulated during normal operations by inflating the air bladder. The concrete pad will be designed to allow heavy equipment like excavators and trucks to access the gates in the event of an emergency. The gates and air bladder will only be accessible during dry seasons or when there is no flow in the river channel. Construction is anticipated to take 180 days and will occur when the St. Johns River is largely dry.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from August 20, 2026 to September 19, 2026. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District office, at 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd., Farmersville, CA 93223, or at the District's website at www.kdwcd.com.

Please send your comments to Luis Verdugo, Engineer, at the address shown above or by email: lverdugo@kdwcd.com

District Consideration: The Kaweah Delta Water Conservation District intends to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

Date:	Tuesday, October 06, 2026
Time:	9:00 a.m.
Location:	District Office 2975 N. Farmersville Blvd. Farmersville, CA 93223