GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE SPRING CREEK SIPHON REPLACEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Glenn Colusa Irrigation District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Spring Creek Siphon Replacement Project (Project). The public hearing to consider the Project and the accompanying Mitigated Negative Declaration is tentatively scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 17, 2026, at 9:00 am, in the District Board Room located at 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA 95988.

The District is proposing the construction of a new siphon to replace the existing siphon, as well as the associated facilities, in the same approximate current location along the Main Canal. The initial phase would involve clearing and grubbing any vegetation present within the Project work area. The next phase would include the demolition and removal of the existing siphon, inlet and outlet headwalls and wingwalls, and Spring Creek headgate and pipeline. Prior to commencing the demolition and removal, a bypass would be constructed for Spring Creek. While the Canal would be dry during construction, the proposed construction window occurs during the Creek's peak winter flows. A temporary bypass channel would be built to divert flows around the work site and back into Spring Creek so as to not impact the Creek's water flow. The bypass would be constructed as an earthen channel with a High-Density Polyethylene lining. Water control measures, including temporary coffer dams, dewatering pumps, etc., may be installed to dewater groundwater and nuisance surface water from within the Main Canal from the Project area for construction activities.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Board Room, 344 East Laurel Street, Willows, CA 95988. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on October 14, 2026, and end on November 13, 2026. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis, CA 93611, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

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