

## **Notice of Intent To Adopt / Notice of Availability of Mitigated Negative Declaration**

This serves as North San Joaquin Water Conservation District's Notice of Intention to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed actions described below, prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), CEQA Guidelines, and local implementation procedures.

**Project:** Water Right Change Petitions and Tracy Lake Groundwater Recharge Project.

**Project Location:** North San Joaquin WCD, San Joaquin County, CA

**Lead Agency:** North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD).

**Description:** NSJWCD holds water right Permit 10477 to use up to 20,000 acre feet from the Mokelumne River. The Project involves NSJWCD's requests for approval from the State Water Resources Control Board (1) for an extension of time to 2040 to put water under NSJWCD's Permit 10477 to beneficial use, (2) to expand the permitted place of use to NSJWCD's current boundaries, (3) to add underground storage as a purpose of use, and (4) to add two new points of diversion, one of which would be for small water transfers to the City of Lodi for use in Lodi, and the other for the Tracy Lake Groundwater Recharge Project. These changes are part of NSJWCD's plan to maximize surface water use in NSJWCD.

**Notice is hereby given that** the District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the above-cited project. The MND is based on the finding that adoption of the project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Copies of the MND and supporting materials are available for review during the Public Comment Period (February 4 to March 6, 2014) at the Lodi Public Library (201 W Locust St, Lodi, CA 95240) and the NSJWCD website: <http://www.nsjgroundwater.org/>.

Written comments on the MND must be received by 5:00 p.m. on March 6, 2014 by email to [wesadler@gmail.com](mailto:wesadler@gmail.com) or mail to NSJWCD, P.O. Box E, Victor, CA 95253.