

November 19, 2020

**EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The Eastside Water District ("EWD") hereby adopts this Negative Declaration for the Eastside Water District Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA.

Project Title: Upland Pipeline Project East of Turlock, CA

Project Location: The project is located east of Montpelier Road upstream and south of the existing Mustang Creek Flood Control Project within Merced County, as shown on the map attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

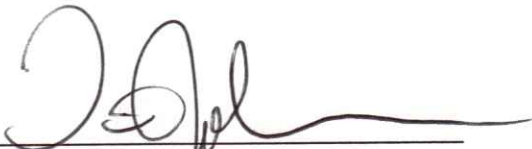
Project Description: This is a surface water conveyance project that takes surface water from the southern portion of the EWD and distributes it to the center of EWD. The Project Description is more fully set forth in the Initial Study for the project. Based on the Initial Study it has been found that the project will have no significant impact on the environment.

Determination: EWD has reviewed the proposed project and has determined that the project, as identified in the attached Initial Study, will not have a significant effect on the environment. An Environmental Impact Report is not required pursuant to the Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Division 13 of the California Public Resources Code).

Public Review: The Initial Study/Negative Declaration was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and contained an environmental review of the potential impacts of the project. This Initial Study/Negative Declaration was circulated for 21 days from October 19 through November 9, 2020. No comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration were received by Eastside Water District, ATTN: Kevin Kauffman, 731 East Yosemite Avenue, Suite B #147, Merced, CA, 95340 as of 12:00 noon on November 9, 2020. Therefore, the Initial Study/Negative Declaration has not been revised prior to the adoption of this Final Negative Declaration by EWD on November 19, 2020.

This environmental review process and Negative Declaration filing is made pursuant to Title 14, Division 6, Chapter 3, Article 6 of the California Administrative Code Section 15070.

A Notice of Determination will be filed with the Merced County recorder's office.



Mr. Tim Johnson, President
EWD Board of Directors