

**EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE OF FINAL NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The Eastside Water District ("EWD") prepared, makes, declares and published this final Negative Declaration for the Eastside Water District Annexation Project.

Project Title: Eastside Water District Annexation

Project Location: The project is located immediately adjacent to the existing geographical boundaries of the District, within Stanislaus and Merced Counties, as shown on the map attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.

Project Description: Annexation of approximately 2,400 acres into the Eastside Water District. The Project Description is more fully set forth in the Initial Study for the project. Based on this 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 contains an environmental review of the potential impacts of the proposed project. This Initial Study/Negative Declaration was circulated for over 20 days from May 21, 2018 through June 11, 2018. No comments on the Initial Study/Negative Declaration were received by the Eastside Water District. The original Initial Study/Negative Declaration will not be revised prior to adoption of this Final Negative Declaration by EWD, which is scheduled for June 21 2018.

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 copy of the Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration may be reviewed at:
www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com



Mr. Al Rossini, Chairman
EWD Board of Directors

**EASTSIDE WATER DISTRICT
NEGATIVE DECLARATION REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the project described below has been reviewed pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (Public Resources Code Section 21100, et seq.) and a determination has been made that it will have no significant effect upon the environment.
2. PROJECT NAME: Eastside Water District Annexation
3. DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: Annexation of approximately 2,400 gross acres into the Eastside Water District. The Project Description is more fully set forth in the Initial Study attached hereto and incorporated into this Final Negative Declaration by reference. Based on the Initial Study, it has been found that the project will have no significant effect on the environment.
4. LOCATION OF PROJECT: The Project is located immediately adjacent to the existing geographical boundaries of the district, as shown on the map attached as **EXHIBIT "A"**.
5. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PROJECT PROPONENT: Eastside Water District, Kevin Kauffman, 731 East Yosemite Avenue, Suite B #147, Merced, California, 95340. Phone number: 209.478.4940
6. MITIGATION MEASURES: None.
7. A copy of the Initial Study regarding the environmental effect of this project is on file at www.eastsidewaterdistrict.com. This study was:

Adopted as presented.

Adopted with changes. Specific modifications supporting reasons are attached.

8. The Eastside Water District considered this Negative Declaration at a public meeting of its Board of Directors on June 21, 2018.

9. DETERMINATION: *(To be completed by the Lead Agency)*.

On the basis of this initial evaluation:

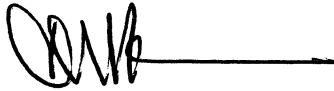
I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

I find that although the proposed could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect (1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards; and (2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on the attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (1) have been adequately analyzed in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to the applicable standards, and (c) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the project, nothing further is required.



Al Rossini, Chairman
Eastside Water District

Date