

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: January 30, 2020
Project Title: **Cox Canal Pumping Plant and Intertie Project (the Project)**
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Semitropic Water Storage District intends to adopt a Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act regarding the following matter.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Semitropic Water Storage District proposes, in lieu of continued use of diesel-powered pumps and associated facilities, proposes to construct the Cox Canal Pumping Plant and Intertie Project which includes construction of a pump station and intertie system, including construction of a pumping plant, 200cfs in capacity, equipped with two 100-cfs, 200-horsepower (HP) pumps to convey surface water supplies from the Cox Canal to Semitropic's Primary Intake Canal, two 48-inch diameter pipelines, and an emergency spillway for spillway protection. The pump station would lift water from Cox Canal into Semitropic's Intake Canal via two 48-inch diameter pipes. The Project would be located in Kern County about 14 miles west of Wasco, on land owned by Semitropic between Main Drain Road and Interstate 5. Project facilities would replace use of diesel-powered pumps and associated facilities.

PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: Semitropic Water Storage District is the Lead Agency for the Cox Canal Pumping Plant and Intertie Project and has prepared an Initial Study as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. As the Lead Agency, Semitropic has evaluated the environmental effects of the Project and concludes that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment. Therefore, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared and is available for inspection at the District office at 1101 Central Ave., Wasco, CA 93280-0877.

COMMENTS: Comments or questions concerning the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration should be mailed to Jason Gianquinto, General Manager, Semitropic Water Storage District, at the above address or emailed to mail@semitropic.com. If you would like a copy of the IS/MND, contact the District for a copy.

The review period of the proposed MND begins on the date of this notice and will expire on March 2, 2020.

DATED:

January 24, 2020

Semitropic Water Storage District

By:
Jason Gianquinto, General Manager

