ARVIN-EDISON WATER STORAGE DISTRICT NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Guidelines, the Arvin-Edison Water Storage District (District) hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Public Resources Code §21000 on the following project:

- 1. **Name of the Project:** Sunset Groundwater Recharge Facility
- 2. **Project Lead Agency and Sponsor:** Arvin-Edison Water Storage District, 20401 Bear Mountain Blvd, Arvin CA 93203-0175. Contact person: Jeevan Muhar, Engineer-Manager, (661) 854-5573.
- 3. **Project Description:** Project includes construction and operation of approximately 150 acres of groundwater recharge basins and associated pumping/pipeline facilities. For a complete project description, see the attached Proposed Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND).
- 4. **Purpose and Explanation of Initial Study:** The District has prepared the IS/MND in order to determine whether the approval and implementation of the Project as described in the document may have the potential for significant impacts to the environment under CEQA Guidelines Public Resources Code §21000 et seq.
- 5. **Project Location:** Kern County. The Project site is located in unincorporated Kern County. The Project site is generally located north of Sunset Boulevard and west of Edison Road; within Section 17, Township 31 South, Range 29 East, M.D.B. &M.
- 6. **Proposed Finding:** The District has reviewed the proposed Project, IS/MND, and other documents and information, and on the basis of this information and the whole record before the District, hereby finds and determines the IS/MND reflects the District's independent judgment and analysis. This MND confirms this conclusion.
- 7. **Environmental Assessment/Initial Study:** A copy of the IS/MND is either attached or available for public review at the District office at the above address.
- 8. **Location of Background Documents:** The IS/MND, documents referenced in the IS/MND, Notice of Intent to adopt MND, comments on the IS/MND, if any, and other documents concerning this project are on file and available for public review at the District website (www.aewsd.org). The District Secretary is the custodian of the documents that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision in this matter is based.
- 9. **Public Review:** Public comments on this proposal to adopt a MND will be received by the District at the above address beginning June 5, 2020 and ending July 6, 2020. The District Board of Directors is expected to consider the adoption of the MND at a meeting scheduled for July 14, 2020 at 12:00 P.M.

Date: 06-04-2020

Jeevan Muhar Engineer- Manager

Arvin-Edison Water Storage District