NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Delhi County Water District is circulating for public review an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed Water System Improvements.

PROJECT LOCATION: One neighborhood along Flower Street and Letteau Avenue and another neighborhood along Corner Street and August Avenue in the unincorporated Community of Delhi, CA.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Delhi County Water District (District) proposes water system improvements that will abandon and destroy existing private domestic wells to install approximately 3,160 feet of water line, water service, and lateral connections within 61.3 acres to approximately 76 residences in the unincorporated Community of Delhi in Merced County (Project). Due to the shallow depth of the private wells and uncertain groundwater levels, abandonment of the private existing wells for a more reliable and modern water system are necessary in order to protect the health and safety of the Community. The project consists of the installation of approximately 1,310 feet of 12-inch water line, 1,755 feet of eight-inch water line, and 95 feet of six-inch water line connecting to the Delhi County Water District's water distribution system to supply all 76 households.

PUBLIC REVIEW: Delhi County Water District is making the proposed IS/MND available to interested agencies and members of the public for review and comment. A 30-day public review period will begin on <u>August 7th and end on September 6th at 5 PM.</u>

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The IS/MND and separately bound appendices is available for review during regular business hours at the Delhi County Water District Office at 9738 Stephens Street in Delhi and at the McCandless Delhi Community Library located at 16881 Schendel Ave in Delhi. Written comments may be submitted to Leandro Maldonado at the above address prior to the end of the public review period.

A meeting of the Delhi County Water District Board of Directors will be held to consider the approval of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration at the District Office (see address above) on <u>September</u> <u>6th</u>, at 5:30 PM or as soon thereafter as may be heard.

For additional information, please call Leandro Maldonado, General Manager at (209) 632-8777.