NOTICE OF INTENT TO

ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Buena Vista Water Storage District intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act regarding the following matter.

SUBJECT: Buena Vista Water Storage District (District) Buena Vista Pipeline and Brite Pump Station Project (proposed Project)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The District proposes to install a network of approximately 32 miles of pipeline and a pump station with an adjacent water storage tank in the southern portion of the Buttonwillow Service Area, between State Route 58 and the Kern River Flood Canal, to facilitate delivery to District water users. The proposed project is located approximately 20 miles west of downtown Bakersfield and immediately south, 1.5 miles, of the unincorporated community of Buttonwillow, on the Buttonwillow and East Elk Hills U.S. Geological Survey 7.5-minute quadrangles.

PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: The District is the Lead Agency for the proposed Project and has prepared an Initial Study as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. As the Lead Agency, the District has evaluated the environmental effects of the proposed Project and proposes a Mitigated Negative Declaration (i.e., no environmentally significant effect). The Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for inspection at the District office at 525 North Main Street, Buttonwillow, California 93206 or online: http://www.bvh2o.com.

COMMENTS: Comments on the Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration should be mailed to Tim Ashlock, Engineer Manager, Buena Vista Water Storage District, P.O. Box 756, Buttonwillow, CA 93206 or emailed to tim@bvh2o.com. The review/comment period begins on the date of this notice and expires on December 1, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (661) 324-1101.

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