

DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT

**NOTICE OF PREPARATION AND CONSIDERATION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR
ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
2020 WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 15072 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, that the Board of Directors of Dudley Water District will on the fourteenth (14th) day of July, 2021 at 1:00 p.m., consider the hereinafter described project and the adopting of a Negative Declaration respecting the same, which project is described and located as follows:

The Dudley Ridge Water District (DRWD or District) proposes to adopt and implement the provisions of its 2020 Water Management Plan (Plan). In the Plan, the District identified the need to improve the process for approving water transfers and exchanges among State Water Project (SWP) contractors. As part of DRWD's review of the Plan along with one of the water management strategies identified in the Plan (i.e., streamlining the DWR approval process for water transfer water requests), DRWD is subjecting the Plan and the water transfers, exchanges, and banking operations described in the Plan to CEQA review.

The program is intended to benefit agricultural lands in the District located in Kings County.

The project details and the proposed negative declaration are more thoroughly covered in the Initial Study and Environmental Checklist on file at the offices of the Dudley Ridge Water District at 455 W. Fir Ave., Fresno, CA 93611.

Any person desiring more information about said project may telephone the office of the Dudley Ridge Water District at (559) 449-2700 and ask for Rick Besecker, Water Conservation Coordinator.

Said Negative Declaration finds that the proposed project would not have a significant effect on the environment and that an Environmental Impact Report is therefore not required under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 as amended (CEQA). Attached to said Negative Declaration is the Initial Study documenting reasons to support such finding.

Notice is further given that any person who desires to object to the adoption of such Negative Declaration should deliver written objections to the Dudley Ridge Water District at the address stated above prior to 1:00 p.m. on July 14, 2021.

DATED: June 8, 2021

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BY: _____
Rick Besecker, Water Conservation Coordinator