

## PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE STORAGE AND EXCHANGE OF CENTRAL VALLEY PROJECT WATER; WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT TO SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT AND RETURN, WITH AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES AND WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT PROJECT. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Westlands Water District (District) has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration for the project described below. The Initial Study did not identify any potentially significant effect on the environment that may result for the Project. Accordingly, approval of Negative Declaration is recommended. The District will consider adoption of the proposed Negative Declaration at a publicly noticed meeting of District's Board of Directors no sooner than June 6, 2017, to be held at the District Office, 3130 N Fresno St., Fresno, CA.

Project Description: The District, on behalf of certain WWD growers (some of which are common landowners in the Kern County Water Agency (KCWA) service area), proposes to divert up to 50,000 acre-feet (AF) of Central Valley Project (CVP) supplies for delivery to Semitropic Water Storage District's (Semitropic) banking facilities in the 2017-18 water year. Semitropic, a member unit of KCWA, would facilitate the return of this water in future years to meet the applicable growers' crop demands in WWD.

Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed mitigated negative declaration will begin on May 2, 2017 and end on June 1, 2017. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Jose Gutierrez, Deputy General Manager-Resources, at 3130 N. Fresno St., Fresno, CA 93703-6056.