

## **NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**Who:** The Friant Water Authority

**What:** A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified below.

**Project Title:** Friant-Kern Canal Section 1600 Notification for Routine Maintenance and Restoration Activities in Improved/Unimproved Channels, Waste Ways, and Equalizing Reservoirs.

**Project Location:** Friant-Kern Canal from Millerton Lake, Fresno County, through Tulare County, to the Kern River, Bakersfield, Kern County, California.

**Project Description:** The project is the ongoing maintenance and restoration on the improved channels, unimproved channels, leveed channels, drain ditches, toe drains, wasteways, equalizing reservoir, and work areas of the Friant-Kern Canal for which a California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Section 1600 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is required. The work may include (A) Debris or obstruction removal; (B) Silt, sand or sediment removal; (C) Maintenance of channel capacity; (D) Vegetation control: d-1 Mechanical control; d-2 Aquatic vegetation control; d-3 Chemical vegetation control; (E) Repair of existing erosion control work; (F) Minor erosion control work. Mitigation and take avoidance measures for wildlife include, preconstruction surveys, restoration and erosion control to avoid significant adverse effects.

**Where:** Copies of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study and all documents referenced in the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:00 p.m. at the address listed below:

Friant Water Authority  
854 N Harvard Avenue  
Lindsay, CA 93247-1715  
Telephone: (559) 562-6305  
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A copy of the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study are also available for review on the Friant Water Authority web site [www.friantwater.org](http://www.friantwater.org).

**Comments:** The 30-day review and comment period for the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration begins on Monday, October 31, 2016 and ends on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Written comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on the last day of the review period and addressed to:

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Public Hearing: The Friant Water Authority Board of Directors will hold a Public Hearing on December 9, 2016 at 10 AM to consider the adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Bill Luce, Interim General Manager  
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Cc: California Department of Fish and Wildlife  
County Clerk, (2) Fresno  
County Clerk, (2) Tulare County  
County Clerk, (2) Kern County.