NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

A notice, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970, as amended (Public Resources Code 21,000, et seq.), that the following project: **Permit 10477 Minor Change to add Borra Pump**, when adopted and implemented, will not have a significant impact on the environment.

NAME OF PERSON UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT: North San Joaquin Water Conservation District (NSJWCD)

LOCATION: Mokelumne River at Elliott Road in San Joaquin County

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: NSJWCD proposes to add the existing Borra riparian river pump station as an authorized point of diversion under NSJWCD's existing Permit 10477 water right so that water available under Permit 10477 can be diverted at the Borra Pump to irrigate adjacent non-riparian lands that are currently farmed and irrigated with groundwater.

FINDINGS AND BASIS FOR A NEGATIVE DECLARATION: The project involves no construction and no enlargement of the NSJWCD Permit 10477 water right. The project will advance groundwater recharge for the subbasin and utilize existing facilities. Diversions at the Borra Pump will be within historic diversion ranges.

RESPONSIBLE AGENCY CONSULTATION: State Water Resources Control Board

INITIAL STUDY: Available for review at <u>www.nsjwcd.com</u>

REVIEW PERIOD: June 20, 2024 to July 19, 2024. All comments must be received by NSJWCD by 5:00pm on July 19, 2024. Submit comments by mail to PO Box E, Victor CA 95253 or by email to steve@nsjwcd.com.

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