

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Section 15000 et. seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Orr Creek Reservoir Cleaning and Infrastructure Improvement Project.

Orr Creek Reservoir is located just north of the City of Auburn, Placer County, California, on NID-owned property (approximately 30 acres). Since the Orr Creek Dam was constructed, silt and sediment have deposited in the reservoir, resulting in a significant reduction in its water storage capacity from the designed 27 acre-feet to an estimated current capacity of 3–4 acre-feet. NID proposes to a) remove an estimated 10,000 cubic yards of accumulated sediment from the reservoir and restore a portion of its original 27 acre-feet of storage capacity; b) repair and improve the dam infrastructure including repairing cracks that have formed in the concrete dam structure; c) replace and realign the diversion pipe to the Gold Hill I Canal to increase efficiency and improve access for the District personnel; and d) add a low-level outlet at the base of the dam through which water could be released downstream into Orr Creek to maintain the storage capacity of the dam and improve downstream aquatic habitats. Therefore, the purpose of the Project is to improve the efficiency of the District's raw water delivery systems by restoring the storage capacity of the reservoir and improving the reliability and safety of the associated dam and water delivery infrastructure.

The 30-day period for public review and comment on the proposed MND begins November 30, 2018. All comments must be submitted by December 31, 2018. Please address comments on the proposed MND as follows:

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A copy of the Initial Study and proposed MND and supporting documents can be reviewed at the following locations:

Nevada Irrigation District Business Center
1036 West Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Madelyn Helling Library
980 Helling Way
Nevada City, CA 95959

The Initial Study and proposed MND can also be viewed online at: <http://www.nidwater.com>

A public meeting will be held for the project on Wednesday, December 12, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the project presentation starting at 6:00 p.m. and discussion to follow, in the NID Board Room, 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley.