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PROJECT TITLE: La Grange Sluice and Tailrace Channel Improvement Project

Turlock Irrigation District (TID) as the Lead Agency has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the La Grange Sluice and Tailrace Channel Improvement Project (Proposed Project) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.

PROJECT LOCATION: La Grange Dam, located at cross streets: La Grange Dam Road and Hwy 132 (Yosemite Blvd)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The purpose of the Proposed Project is to minimize fish isolation and stranding. The two primary components of the Proposed Project are (1) surfacing the sluice channel and (2) installing a diversion structure that would connect the upstream portion of the tailrace channel to the main river channel. In combination, these components were chosen to meet the project goal of minimizing the potential for fish isolation and stranding and to provide TID facilities with durability and lower maintenance requirements during operations. Access to the project will be via existing roads on Hwy 132 (Yosemite Blvd) and La Grange Dam Road. The project is expected to occur over 9 weeks.

ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS: The Initial Study and Proposed MND found that implementation of the Proposed Project may result in potentially significant environmental impacts to: biological resources and cultural resources, each of which could be reduced to less than significant with mitigation measures identified in the MND.

REVIEW AND COMMENT: The 30-day public review period for the Proposed MND is **August 31, 2020 through September 30, 2020**. Comments on the Proposed MND must be received in writing by email or mail to the contact listed below by 5:00 PM on September 30, 2020. **Please include a return address and contact name.**

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During the public review period the Proposed MND will be available for review on the CEQAnet web portal at: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/> and at the following locations:

- Stanislaus County Clerk, 1021 I Street, Suite 101, Modesto, CA 95354
- Turlock Irrigation District, 333 East Canal Drive, Turlock, CA 95381

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