

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT
ADOPTING A CEQA NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
DEEP WELL NO. 2 WATER PRODUCTION PROJECT AND RELATED ACTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Orland-Artois Water District proposes to begin operation of its existing Deep Well No. 2 (“OAWD-2”) for purposes of producing a supplemental water supply for its customers in years when dry conditions result in the curtailment of deliveries of the District’s Central Valley Project surface water supplies or in other conditions resulting in a reduction of surface water availability, and to periodically operate OAWD-2 at other times to ensure its continued operational capacity and capabilities (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the District has prepared the *Initial Study Under the California Environmental Quality Act for the Deep Well No. 2 Water Production Project* (September 2013) (the “Initial Study”) for the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines (collectively “CEQA”), which is attached to and made a part of this Resolution/Negative Declaration;

WHEREAS, the Initial Study concluded that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment;

WHEREAS, the District therefore proposes to adopt a CEQA Negative Declaration for the Project, and a notice of intent to adopt a negative declaration was circulated for public review and comment in accordance with CEQA requirements;

WHEREAS, the District has not received any comments on the notice of intent; and

WHEREAS, the District General Manager has recommended that the Board of Directors adopt the Negative Declaration, approve the Project, and authorize the filing of a CEQA Notice of Determination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District as follows:

1. Negative Declaration. The District hereby adopts this Negative Declaration for the Project pursuant to CEQA:

- a. Name of Project: Deep Well No. 2 Water Production Project.
- b. Project Proponent and Lead Agency: Orland-Artois Water District, 6505 County Road 27, Orland, California 95963, (530) 865-4304. Contact: Emil Cavagnolo, General Manager.
- c. Project Description: For more information concerning the Project, see the Initial Study, which is available for review and copying during regular business hours at the District office at the above address.
- d. Project Location: The Project will be conducted at the existing site of OAWD Deep

Well No. 2, which is located on agricultural land in the northeastern portion of the District, and throughout the District's service area (through water deliveries). The location of the Project is further described in the Initial Study.

e. Findings: The Board has reviewed the proposed Project, Initial Study, any comments received on the notice of intent to adopt negative declaration, and other documents and information from District staff. On the basis of this information and the whole record before the District, the Board hereby finds and determines as follows:

- i) The Initial Study and this Negative Declaration reflect the District's independent judgment and analysis; and
- ii) There is no substantial evidence, in light of the whole record before the District, that the Project may have a significant effect on the environment.

f. Location and Custodian of Documents: The Initial Study, documents referred to in the Initial Study, notice of intent to adopt negative declaration, comments on the Initial Study and notice of intent, and other documents concerning the Project are on file and available for public review at the District office at the above address. The District General Manager at the above address is the custodian of the documents that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision in this matter is based.

2. Project Approval. The District Board hereby approves the Project (as described in the Initial Study) and authorizes the District Manager to proceed with Project implementation in accordance with District policies and Board-adopted budgets.

3. Notice of Determination. The District Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager to prepare, sign and file a CEQA Notice of Determination with the Glenn County Clerk-Recorder within five days after the date of adoption of this Negative Declaration, together with the required California Department of Fish and Game fee required for a negative declaration.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District on October 15, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Jim Jones, John Erickson, Ernie Pieper

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Mike Vereschagin, Chuck Schonauer

Ernie Pieper Vice President
Chair, Board of Directors

Attest:



Secretary