

**A RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-08**

**ADOPTING A CEQA MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE ORLAND-ARTOIS WATER DISTRICT ANNEXATION, SPHERE OF  
INFLUENCE UPDATE, AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT  
(ORLAND A FARMERS GROUP)**

WHEREAS, a group of associated landowners, known as the Orland A Farmers Group, has applied to the Orland-Artois Water District (“District”) to annex into the District approximately 11,429 acres of farmland, which lands are adjacent to and could be conveniently served by the District, and which are described in more detail in the *Orland-Artois Water District Annexation, Sphere of Influence Update, and Infrastructure Project Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration*, dated October 2023 (the “Initial Study”), which is available at the District office (the “Project”);

WHEREAS, the District provides irrigation water service to customers in northeastern Glenn County under its entitlement to water supplies from the United States Bureau of Reclamation’s Central Valley Project (“CVP”) and in certain water years will have available water supplies to serve the lands to be annexed;

WHEREAS, the Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program was prepared by the District acting as lead agency to analyze the potential environmental effects of the Project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines (collectively “CEQA”);

WHEREAS, the Initial Study concluded that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment with certain mitigation measures incorporated;

WHEREAS, the District therefore has proposed adopting a CEQA Mitigated 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, comments on the Initial Study during the public review period from the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the Glenn County Air Pollution Control District and staff and consultants have reviewed, responded, and determined that those comments do not require significant changes to the draft Initial Study; and

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

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

**1. Mitigated Negative Declaration.** The Board hereby adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration with attached Initial Study and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project pursuant to CEQA. A copy of the final Project Initial Study is attached to and made a part of this resolution as Exhibit A and incorporated herein. The Board has reviewed the proposed Project, Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and included Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, two public comments received and District responses which are attached as Exhibit B hereto, and other documents and information provided by the General Manager. On the basis of this information and the whole record before the District, the Board hereby finds and determines as follows:

a. The Initial Study, Mitigated Negative Declaration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program reflect the District's independent judgment and analysis.

b. There is no substantial evidence that, in light of the whole record before the District, the Project may have a significant effect on the environment.

c. The District received no comments on the proposed CEQA documents for the Project which require any consideration of changes in the Project or the proposed mitigation measures.

**2. Location and Custodian of Documents.** The Initial Study, exhibits and documents referred to in the Initial Study, notice of intent to adopt a mitigated negative declaration, and other documents concerning the Project are on file and available for public review at the District office located at 6505 County Road 27, Orland, California 95963. The District's General Manager is the custodian of the documents that constitute the record of proceedings upon which the decision in this matter is based.

**3. Project Approval.** The Board hereby approves the Project and authorizes the General Manager to proceed with Project implementation, subject to applicable laws, regulations, LAFCO rules and guidelines, and agreements.

**4. Notice of Determination.** The Board hereby authorizes and directs the General Manager to prepare, sign and file a CEQA Notice of Determination with the office of the Glenn County Clerk-Recorder within five days from the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to pay the applicable CEQA California Department of Fish and Game and clerk posting fees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District on November 21, 2023 by the following vote:

AYES: M. Vereschagin, E. Pieper, J. Erickson, J. Jones, C. Schonauer.


NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

  
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Michael Vereschagin  
President, Board of Directors

Attest:

  
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Emil Cavagnolo  
Secretary

## EXHIBIT A

### FINAL PROJECT INITIAL STUDY

The final documents are available at the OAWD Office or you can use the link below:

 [2023-1121 OAWD ISMND Annexation SOI Update Infrastructure Project Final Docs](#)

## EXHIBIT B

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND DISTRICT RESPONSES

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