

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-01

**ADOPTING A CEQA NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE
FRUTO NE (TUSCAN LANDS, LLC) ANNEXATION PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Tuscan Lands, LLC has applied to the Orland-Artois Water District to annex into the District approximately 612 acres of farmland which is already in the District's sphere of influence and which located southwest of the intersection of County Roads C and 30 in Glenn County, designated Assessor's Parcel Numbers 024-220-020 and 024-220-023, as described in more detail in the *Dunnigan and Orland-Artois Water Districts' Dunnigan, Wildwood, Zamora, and Fruto NE Annexations Draft Initial Study/Negative Declaration*, dated December 2019 (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 has available water supplies to serve the lands to be annexed;

WHEREAS, an Initial Study was prepared pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act and CEQA Guidelines (collectively "CEQA") on a joint basis by the District and the Dunnigan Water District ("DWD"), with DWD acting as lead agency and OAWD acting as a responsible agency;

WHEREAS, the Initial Study analyzed both the District's Project and the portion of the Project involving a sphere of influence expansion and annexations involving DWD;

WHEREAS, DWD is conducting separate proceedings to approve its portion of the larger project analyzed in the Initial Study;

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

WHEREAS, the District therefore has proposed adopting 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, one comment filed by the Yolo County Local Agency Formation Commission was received in response to the notice of intent, but that comment focused solely on the portion of the Project proposed by DWD; and

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

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

1. **Negative Declaration.** The Board hereby adopts the attached Negative Declaration for the Project pursuant to CEQA. The Board has reviewed the proposed Project, Initial Study, the comment received, and other documents and information provided by District staff. 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 and Negative Declaration reflect the District's independent judgment and analysis;

b. 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.

2. **Location and Custodian of Documents.** The Initial Study, exhibits and documents referred to in the Initial Study, notice of intent to adopt a negative declaration, 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 District's 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.

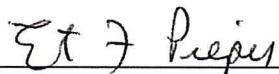
PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of the Orland-Artois Water District on January 21, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Pieper, Schonauer, Erickson, Jones

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Vereschagin



Ernie Pieper
Vice-President, Board of Directors

Attest:



Emil Cavagnolo
Secretary