



# PUBLIC COMMENT MEETING

## NORTH UNIT IRRIGATION DISTRICT INFRASTRUCTURE MODERNIZATION PROJECT

July 25, 2022

### MEETING PURPOSE

*Inform the community of the Draft Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment for the proposed North Unit Irrigation District Infrastructure Modernization Project and answer questions about the assessment.*

### DISTRICT FACTS

**58,885** acres irrigated

**952** irrigators served

**300** miles of open canals and pipelines

**186,606** acre-feet of water diverted on average for all diversions over the last 10 years

**~37%** of diverted water lost to seepage, evaporation, and operational spills

### PROPOSED PROJECT MEASURES

**INSTALL** four 1,000 cubic yard retention ponds, each 0.5 acres in size

**PIPE AND PRESSURIZE** 27.5 miles of open canal along Laterals 31, 32, 34, and 43

### POTENTIAL PROJECT BENEFITS

**IMPROVE** water quality by eliminating discharges of tailwater into natural waterbodies

**SAVE** up to 2.8% of the District's diversions (6,089 acre-feet of water/year) to fulfill water rights, augment supply, and alleviate water supply shortages

**IMPROVE** irrigation water delivery reliability and District operation and maintenance efficiency

**INCREASE** public safety by minimizing the risk of drowning and canal-related injury in open canals

**PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED THROUGH AUGUST 10, 2022**

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