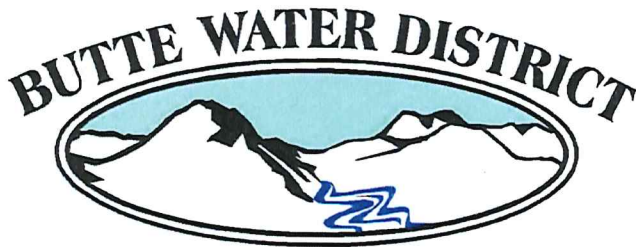


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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Butte Water District intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration under the California Environmental Quality Act regarding the following matter.

**SUBJECT:** Butte Water District 2018 Water Transfer Program.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Butte Water District would idle up to 4,902 acres of rice land to make up to 16,177 acre-feet of water and/or would pump groundwater from wells located in Sutter County for up to 5,750 acre-feet of water. Said idling and/or groundwater pumping would make water available for transfer to buyers located south of the Bay-Delta.

**PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:** Butte Water District is the Lead Agency for the Butte Water District 2018 Water Transfer Program under the California Environmental Quality Act. As Lead Agency, Butte Water District has evaluated the environmental effects of the Butte Water District 2018 Water Transfer Program in an Initial Study. The Initial Study concludes that the project would not have a significant impact on the environment after mitigation measures are implemented. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available for inspection at the District office at 735 Virginia Street, Gridley, California 95948. The document is also available for review at <https://buttewaterdistrict.org/>.

**COMMENTS:** Comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration should be mailed to the Butte Water District office, 735 Virginia Street, Gridley, California 95948 by close of business on April 25, 2018. The review and comment period commences on the date of this notice and will end at the close of business on April 25, 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at (530) 846-3100.

DATED: 3/23/18

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