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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE PHOENIX LAKE PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project has been completed and is available for public review. The public may review the IS/MND and all documents referenced in the IS/MND during normal operating hours at the Tuolumne Utilities District office, 18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, CA 95370. The IS/MND is also available on the District website at:

<http://www.tudwater.com/projects-development/phoenix-lake-preservation-and-restoration-plan/>

The public may request a CD of the IS/MND by contacting Chad Parsons, P.E., at (209) 532-5536, ext. 519 or by email at cparsons@tudwater.com.

The IS/MND has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines.

Project Name: Phoenix Lake Preservation and Restoration Project

Project Description: The main components of the Proposed Project include sediment removal and wetland enhancement, sediment reuse and disposal, and tributary improvements. Most of the sediment removed from the lake would be placed at the Cedar Ridge Apple Ranch and on the Summers property immediately north of the lake. Sediment would also be placed in strategic locations within the lake to improve water circulation and manage sedimentation. The Proposed Project would also involve sedimentation and flood protection improvements along lower Chicken Creek and construction of a crossing over Power Creek. Implementation of the Proposed Project would increase the water supply reliability and improve water quality for TUD's largest water system, serving more than 10,000 people, as well as commercial and agricultural users.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located approximately 3 miles east of the City of Sonora in Tuolumne County, California. Phoenix Lake is situated at 2,380 feet above mean sea level. The Proposed Project would occur on private and public property. The project site is not located on any list enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

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Applicant: Tuolumne Utilities District, 18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, CA 95370

PUBLIC COMMENT: In accordance with the time limits provided for by state law, the document's review period will extend from **July 21, 2017 through August 21, 2017**. Comments must be received by **August 21, 2017**. Comments may be sent in hard copy or via email to:

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PUBLIC HEARING: A public meeting will be held at TUD headquarters (18885 Nugget Boulevard, Sonora, CA 95370) on **August 2, 2017 at 6 pm**. Comments on the IS/MND may be provided at the meeting.