Notice of Determination

To: Office of Planning and Research
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☑ County Clerk
County of Imperial

From: (Public Agency) Imperial Irrigation District
333 Barioni Blvd.
Imperial, CA 92251

(Address)

Subject:
Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Imperial Irrigation District Equitable Distribution Plan

Project Title

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State Clearinghouse Number  Lead Agency  Area Code/Telephone/Extension
(If submitted to Clearinghouse)  Contact Person

Imperial County

Project Location (include county)

Project Description:
See attached.

This is to advise that the Imperial Irrigation District has approved the above described project on November 28, 2006 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project:

1. The project ☑ will ☐ will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☑ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures ☑ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A statement of Overriding Considerations ☐ was ☑ was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [☑ were ☐ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval is available to the General Public at:
Negative Declaration is available at the offices of IID and at www.iid.com

Signature (Public Agency)  11/29/06  Executive Program Manager  Title

Date received for filing at OPR:

January 2004
Attachment to Notice of Determination for Imperial Irrigation District Equitable Distribution Plan

**Project Description:** Pursuant to the Quantification Settlement Agreement (QSA) signed in October 2003, IID agreed to limit its annual diversions of Colorado River water to 3.1 million acre-feet per year. As a result of this cap on diversions, the demand for water by users within the District may exceed the supply available to the District, referred to herein as a “supply/demand imbalance” (SDI). IID has determined that a plan must be adopted to equitably distribute the available water supplies amongst the users in the event that IID determines that an SDI is likely to occur in any individual year. The equitable distribution of water is required pursuant to California Water Code Section 22252 which states

> 22252. When any charges for the use of water are fixed by a district the water for the use of which the charges have been fixed shall be distributed equitably as determined by the board among those offering to make the required payment.

The Equitable Distribution Plan, while required by State law, also eases the burden on water users by providing agricultural users with certainty regarding the method of water allocation in the event of an SDI so they can plan appropriately and minimize economic effects of a reduction in their water supply. In the event of an SDI, the proposed Equitable Distribution Plan would allocate the available water supply to water user accounts based on water use types.