NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Imperial Irrigation District has prepared an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Equitable Distribution Plan and determined that the project could not have a significant effect on the environment. This is a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration for this project under the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Title: 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.

Project Location: The EDP would be implemented within the IID water service area

Public Review Period: An IS/ND has been prepared for the project. Public agencies and interested members of the public may review and comment on the IS/ND between October 24, 2006 and November 23, 2006. The Imperial Irrigation District Board of Directors is tentatively scheduled to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration on November 28, 2006.

A copy of the IS/ND is available for public review at:
Copies may also be obtained from the Imperial Irrigation District by contacting the person below or downloading it from the IID website at www.iid.com.

Written comments should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 23, 2006, to the following address:

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