

PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT

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February 11, 2021

To: Panoche Water District Landowners and Water Users

Re: *Panoche Water District v. ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER, etc.*
Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 21CECG00288

Dear Landowner and Water User,

Pursuant to the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, Pub.L. 114-322 (2016) (“WIIN Act”), Panoche Water District (the “District”) and the United States, through the Bureau of Reclamation (“United States”), negotiated the terms of a contract to convert the District’s existing water service contract to a repayment contract (“Conversion Contract”). During a duly-noticed special meeting on December 28, 2020, the District’s Board of Directors approved the negotiated Conversion Contract and authorized its District Board President to sign and deliver the Conversion Contract to the United States by Resolution 775-20 (“Resolution”). The United States then signed the Conversion Contract on January 14, 2021.

The District now seeks to confirm the validity of the Conversion Contract in a legal proceeding titled *Panoche Water District v. All Persons Interested in the Matter of the Authorization of the Contract Between the United States and Panoche Water District Providing for Project Water Service San Luis Unit and Delta Division and Facilities Repayment, Contract No. 14-06-200-7864A-IR1-P, and the Proceedings Related Thereto*, in Fresno County Superior Court Case No. 21CECG00288 (“Validation Action”).

In order to provide due notice to all persons interested in the Conversion Contract and the Validation Action, the District is mailing the enclosed Summons in the Validation Action to its landowners and customers. Please review the Summons carefully as it contains important information and deadlines related to the Validation Action.

Filings in the Validation Action are available online at the Fresno County Superior Court’s case information portal at <https://publicportal.fresno.courts.ca.gov/FRESNOPORTAL>. More information about the WIIN Act and the Conversion Contract may be found at the United States’ website at <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/wiin-act/index.html>. Copies of the District’s Complaint, Summons, and Resolution are also available on the website <https://panochewd.specialdistrict.org> under Information or by contacting the District directly at 52027 W. Althea Avenue, Firebaugh, CA 93622, (209) 364-6136. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ara Azhderian', is written over a white rectangular background.

Ara Azhderian
General Manager

Enclosure: Summons