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CARUTHERS COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIAGED NEGATIVE
DECLARATION
FOR
WELL NO. 7 PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Caruthers Community Services District (CCSD or District) plans to adopt a subsequent initial study mitigated negative declaration for the Well No. 7 Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on April 9, 2019 at 7:00pm, at the District Office, 13617 S. Raider St., Caruthers, CA 93609.

The proposed Well No. 7 Project (Project) includes drilling and construction of a new well (Well No. 7), an approximately 0.2 acre storm drainage basin, hydropneumatic tank, and other associated infrastructure on the vacant lot on the western corner of Henderson Road and South West Avenue in the community of Caruthers, California. A transmission pipeline will be installed from Well No. 7 to an existing buried pipeline, connecting existing Wells No. 5 to the existing Well No. 6 site. Caruthers is located in southern Fresno County, approximately 17 miles south of Fresno.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impacts of the Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Office. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on March 1, 2019 and end on April 1, 2019. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to the David McIntyre, District Manager, 13617 S. Raider St., Caruthers, CA 93609 or at carutherscsd@sbcglobal.net.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

Form F

Lead agencies may include 15 hardcopies of this document when submitting electronic copies of Environmental Impact Reports, Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, or Notices of Preparation to the State Clearinghouse (SCH). The SCH also accepts other summaries, such as EIR Executive Summaries prepared pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15123. Please include one copy of the Notice of Completion Form (NOC) with your submission and attach the summary to each electronic copy of the document.

SCH #: _____

Project Title: Well No. 7 Project

Lead Agency: Caruthers Community Service District

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Project Location: Caruthers Fresno
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

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Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

All potentially significant impacts have been mitigated to a level of less than significant with mitigation incorporated. See attached MMRP.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

There are no known areas of controversy.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

N/A

4 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

This Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) has been formulated based upon the findings of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Caruthers Community Services District (CCSD) Well No. 7 Project (Project) in the unincorporated community of Caruthers in southern Fresno County. The MMRP lists mitigation measures recommended in the IS/MND for the Project and identifies monitoring and reporting requirements.

Table 4-1 presents the mitigation measures identified for the proposed Project. Each mitigation measure is numbered with a symbol indicating the topical section to which it pertains, a hyphen, and the impact number. For example, AIR-2 would be the second mitigation measure identified in the Air Quality analysis of the IS/MND.

The first column of **Table 4-1** identifies the mitigation measure. The second column, entitled “When Monitoring is to Occur,” identifies the time the mitigation measure should be initiated. The third column, “Frequency of Monitoring,” identifies the frequency of the monitoring of the mitigation measure. The fourth column, “Agency Responsible for Monitoring,” names the party ultimately responsible for ensuring that the mitigation measure is implemented. The last columns will be used by CCSD to ensure that individual mitigation measures have been complied with and monitored.

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Table 4-1. Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program					
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	When Monitoring is to Occur	Frequency of Monitoring	Agency Responsible for Monitoring	Method to Verify Compliance	Verification of Compliance
Biological Resources					
Mitigation Measure BIO-1: Worker Environmental Action Plan (WEAP) Training					
Prior to initiating construction activities (including staging and mobilization), all personnel associated with Project construction shall attend mandatory Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training, conducted by a qualified biologist, to aid workers in identifying special status resources that may occur in the Project area. The specifics of this program shall include identification of the sensitive species and suitable habitats, a description of the regulatory status and general ecological characteristics of sensitive resources, and review of the limits of construction and mitigation measures required to reduce impacts to biological resources within the work area. A fact sheet conveying this information, along with photographs or illustrations of sensitive species with potential to occur onsite, shall also be prepared for distribution to all contractors, their employees, and all other personnel involved with construction of the Project. All employees shall sign a form documenting that they have attended WEAP training and understand the information presented to them.	Prior to the start of construction and during construction upon arrival of new personnel	Prior to the start of construction and during construction upon arrival of new personnel	CCSD		
Mitigation Measure BIO-2a: Avoidance of Nesting Bird Season					
The Project's construction activities shall occur, if feasible, between September 16 and January 31 (outside of nesting bird season) in an effort to avoid impacts to nesting birds.	During construction activities	Daily, during construction activities	CCSD		
Mitigation Measure BIO-2b: Pre-Construction Nesting Bird Survey					
If activities must occur within nesting bird season (February 1 to September 15), a qualified biologist shall conduct pre-construction surveys for active nests within 30 days prior to the start of construction. The survey shall include the proposed work area and surrounding lands within 0.5 mile. If no active nests are observed, no further mitigation is required. Raptor nests are considered "active" upon the nest-building stage.	Within 30 days prior to the start of work performed from February 1 to September 15	Once	CCSD		
Mitigation Measure BIO-2c: Establish Nest Buffers					
On discovery of any active nests near work areas, the biologist shall determine appropriate construction setback distances based on applicable CDFW and/or USFWS guidelines and/or the biology of the species in question. Construction buffers shall be identified with flagging, fencing, or other easily visible means, and shall be maintained until the biologist has determined that the nestlings have fledged.	On discovery of active nests	Once, per nest, or more frequently as determined by biologist	CCSD		

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Cultural Resources					
Mitigation Measure CUL-1: Archaeological Resources					
In the event that archaeological resources are encountered at any time during development or ground-moving activities within the entire project area, all work in the vicinity of the find shall halt until a qualified archaeologist can assess the discovery. The District shall implement all recommendations of the archaeologist necessary to avoid or reduce to a less than significant level potential impacts to cultural resource. Appropriate actions could include a Data Recovery Plan or preservation in place.	In the event archaeological resources are uncovered	During excavation	CCSD		
Mitigation Measure CUL-2: Human Remains					
If human remains are uncovered, or in any other case when human remains are discovered during construction, the Tulare County Coroner is to be notified to arrange proper treatment and disposition. If the remains are identified—on the basis of archaeological context, age, cultural associations, or biological traits—as those of a Native American, California Health and Safety Code 7060.5 and Public Resource Code 5097.98 require that the coroner notify the NAHC within 24 hours of discovery. The NAHC will then identify the Most Likely Descendant who will determine the manner in which the remains are treated.	In the event human remains are uncovered	During excavation	CCSD		