

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

Office of Planning and Research
U.S. Mail: P.O. Box 3044
Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 Sacramento, CA 95814

County Clerk
County of: Tuolumne
Address: 2 S. Green St. Second Floor
Sonora, CA 95370

From:

Public Agency: Tuolumne Utilities District
Address: 18885 Nugget Boulevard
Sonora, CA 95370

Contact: Erik D. Johnson
Phone: 209-532-5536 ext. 520

Lead Agency (if different from above):
See above.

Address:

Contact:

Phone:

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

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2019129009

Project Title: Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project

Project Applicant: Tuolumne Utilities District

Project Location (include county): Sonora, Tuolumne County, California

Project Description:

The Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (SRWWTF) Improvements Project (proposed Project) will provide replacement of existing polishing ponds with a new activated sludge treatment facility. A new administration and electrical building (Building A) will be constructed adjacent to the treatment facility. A new Building B will contain headworks and sludge dewatering systems. The existing digestion building will be a renovated Building C. Existing septage receiving station, headworks, primary

This is to advise that the Tuolumne Utilities District has approved the above (Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on 1/28/2020 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

- 1. The project 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. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:

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

Signature (Public Agency): Erik D. Johnson, District Engineer

Date: 1/29/20 Date Received for filing at OPR:

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Filed

JAN 31 2020

Tuolumne County Clerk By Deputy



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife  
**2020 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT**  
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 12/01/19) Previously DFG 753.5a

**Print**    **StartOver**    **Finalize&Email**

RECEIPT NUMBER:  
 55 — 01302020 — 006

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

**SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.**

LEAD AGENCY Tuolumne Utilitites District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 01302020
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Tuolumne	DOCUMENT NUMBER	

PROJECT TITLE  
**Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project**

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Tuolumne Utilities District	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (209) 532-5536
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE
		ZIP CODE

**PROJECT APPLICANT** (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency   
  School District   
  Other Special District   
  State Agency   
  Private Entity

**CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,343.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,406.75	\$	2,406.75
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	\$1,136.50	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other		\$	

**PAYMENT METHOD:**

Cash   
  Credit   
  Check   
  Other   
 **TOTAL RECEIVED**    \$    2,456.75

SIGNATURE 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Taryn Vanderpan, Administrative Assistant
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Tuolumne County  
Community Development Depart  
Receipt

From: TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT  
Agent: SAME

Receipt #: 2020000602  
Receipt Date: 01/29/2020

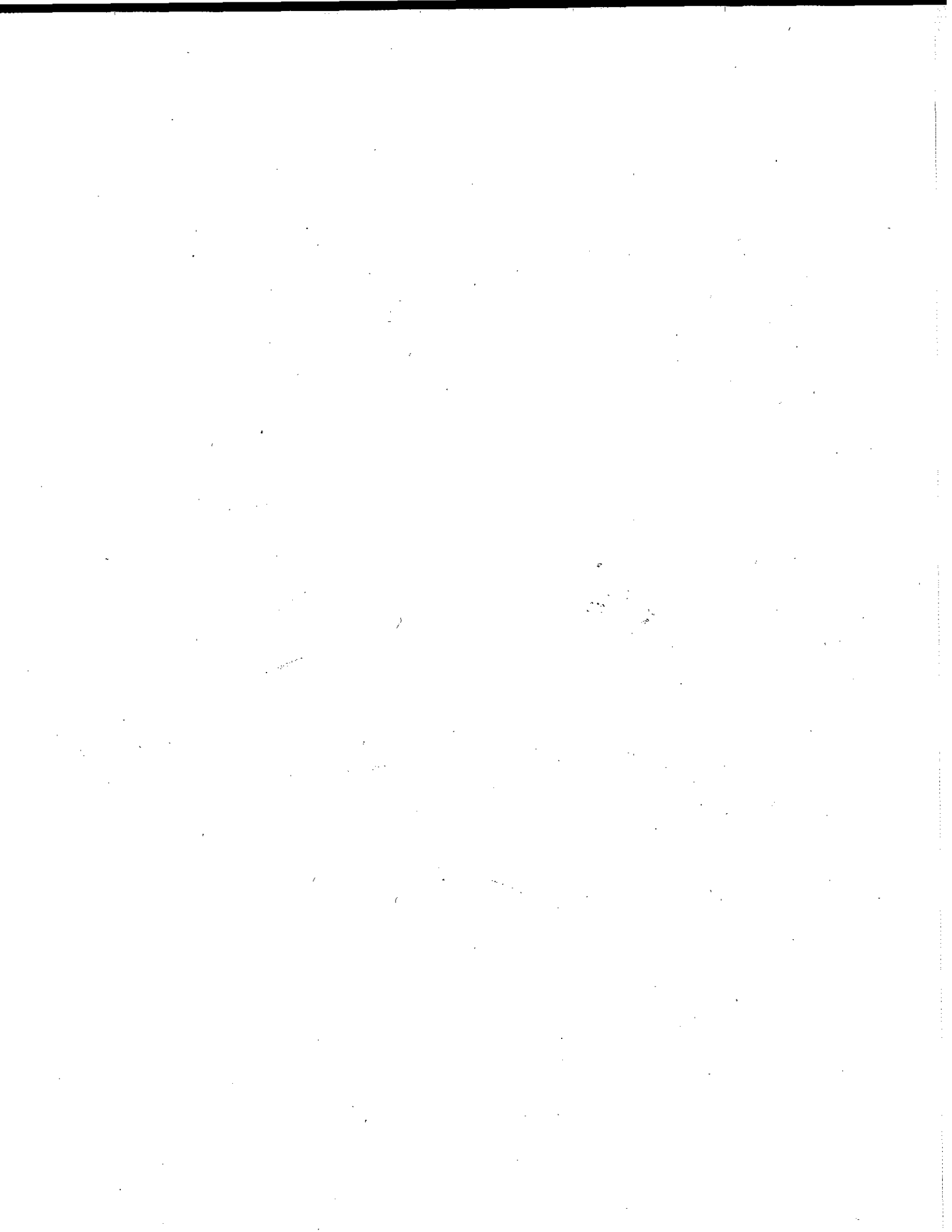
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Description	Base Fee	Qty	Amt Per Qty	Pay Mth	Line Total
Fish and Game Nec Dec	2,406.75			CHK	\$2,406.75
Fish and Game Admin Fee	50.00			CHK	\$50.00

Total for: 2020000602

\$2,456.75



**Resolution No. 4-20**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT  
APPROVING THE CEQA NOTICE OF DETERMINATION  
DECLARING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE  
SONORA REGIONAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Tuolumne Utilities District (District) has proposed to undertake an infrastructure improvement project to improve wastewater treatment performance and reliability of the Sonora Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (SRWWTF); and

**WHEREAS**, an Initial Study was prepared by Stantec Consulting Services, in which potential environmental effects of the Project were analyzed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Initial Study concluded that the proposed construction activities would have no significant adverse effect on the environment provided that identified mitigation measures are implemented; and

**WHEREAS**, based on the conclusions of the Initial Study a Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 3, 2019, the District published both a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and a Notice of Public Hearing for the Sonora Regional WWTF Improvements Project in the Union Democrat Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Tuolumne County; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was available for public review for a period exceeding 30 days; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 24, 2020, the District published a Notice of Public Hearing for the Sonora Regional WWTF Improvements Project in the Union Democrat Newspaper, a newspaper of general circulation in Tuolumne County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Notice of Public Hearing stated that the Board of Directors would conduct a public hearing on January 28, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in order to solicit and receive public comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the CEQA Public Hearing for the Project has been agendized and properly noticed with the District Board's regular meeting scheduled for January 28, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has considered the environmental effects of the Matelot Pipeline and Turbidity Station Project including the comments received during public review period generally; and

**WHEREAS**, the District held a public hearing on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for said project and has considered any comments received at the hearing.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Directors of Tuolumne Utilities District as follows:

**Section 1.** The Tuolumne Utilities District is the lead agency for the project.

- A. The proposed project will not result in a significant adverse impact to the environment.
- B. The IS/MND was prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and state guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.
- C. Pursuant to Section 20181.6(a)(1) of the Public Resources Code, a reporting and/or monitoring plan was prepared and incorporated into the conditions of project approval in order to avoid significant effects on the environment.

**Section 2.** The Board of Directors hereby finds on the basis of the whole record before it, including the Initial Study and any comments received thereon during the public review period, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment and that the Mitigated Negative Declaration reflects the District's independent judgement and analysis.

**Section 3.** The Board has no evidence before it, including the information in the Initial Study and comments of appropriate reviewing agencies, to indicate that the proposed project could have any potential for an adverse effect on fish and wildlife resources or the habitat upon which wildlife depends.

**Section 4.** The CEQA Notice of Determination for the project is hereby approved and a copy is attached hereto. The General Manager is hereby authorized to execute the Notice of Determination declaring a Mitigated Negative Declaration on behalf of the District, and the Executive Secretary/Board Clerk is hereby directed to pay the filing fee required by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and file the Notice with the County Clerk and the Governor's Office of Planning and Research State Clearinghouse within 5 business days following approval with respect to the project pursuant to Section 15096 of the CEQA Regulations.

**Section 5.** The location of the documents which constitute the record upon which this decision is based are available at the District office at 18885 Nugget Blvd., Sonora, California.


**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of the Tuolumne Utilities District on January 14, 2020, by the following vote:

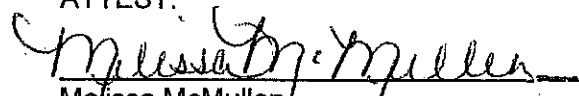
AYES: Balen, Kerns, Kopf, Ringen, Rucker

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

  
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Bob Rucker, President  
Board of Directors

ATTEST:  
  
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Melissa McMullen  
Executive Secretary/Board Clerk

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JAN 29 2020

Community Development  
Department