

PALO VERDE UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Palo Verde Union Elementary School District (PVUESD) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Water System Improvement Project (Project) for the Palo Verde Union Elementary School (School). The public hearing will be held virtually by the District's Board of Directors on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 6:00 pm, at the PVUESD Office, 9637 Avenue 196, Tulare, CA 93274. The Public may access the meeting via Zoom at: <https://paloverdeschool-org.zoom.us/j/3297416406>, Meeting ID: 3297416406, Password: Tigers (case sensitive).

The PVUESD, a domestic water purveyor for the School, proposes to construct the Project to better serve the School located at 9637 Avenue 196, Tulare, CA 93274. The PVUESD is the Project proponent and CEQA Lead Agency.

The Project proposes to drill and construct a new domestic standard well (Well No. 3), new distribution and irrigation pipelines, pressure tank, gate valve and box, backflow preventer, booster pump and fencing, all within the School campus site. The new well is expected to yield about 300 gpm. In addition to the construction of Well No. 3, the Well No. 1 and associated existing water pressure tank, pump and electrical service will be abandoned or removed.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the District has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) assessing environmental impacts of the Project and has determined that identified potentially significant impacts can be reduced to less than significant with adoption of recommended mitigation measures. Copies of the proposed IS/MND are on file and available for public review at the PVUESD Office, 9637 Avenue 196, Tulare, CA 93274 and at the PVUESD's website at: <https://www.palo-verde.k12.ca.us/District/194-Untitled.html>. The public review and comment period during which written comments will be received on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on April 16, 2021 and end on May 17, 2021. Written comments should be addressed to Palo Verde Union Elementary School District at 9637 Avenue 196, Tulare, CA 93274, or at public_comment@paloverdeschool.org and must be received no later than close of business (5:00 PM) on May 17, 2021.

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