

Notice of Determination

Appendix D

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Public Agency: Palo Verde UESD
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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): 2021040415

Project Title: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District Water System Improvement Project

Project Applicant: Palo Verde Union Elementary School District, 9637 Ave 196, Tulare 93274

Project Location (include county): Tulare County, CA

Project Description:

Please see attached Project Description.

FILED
TULARE COUNTY
JUN 14 2021

ASSESSOR/CLERK RECORDER
BY:

This is to advise that the Palo Verde Union Elementary School District has approved the above
(Lead Agency or Responsible Agency)

described project on June 9, 2021 and has made the following determinations regarding the above
(date)
described project.

- 1. The project [ ] will [x] 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.
[x] A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [x] were [ ] were not made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [x] was [ ] was not adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [ ] was [x] was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings [x] were [ ] were not 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:

Palo Verde Union Elementary School District, 9637 Ave 196, Tulare 93274

Signature (Public Agency): [Signature] Title: Board President

Date: 6-9-21 Date Received for filing at OPR:

## Description of Project

### Project Background and Purpose

The school currently has two wells on site. One 80 gallons per minute (gpm) domestic well (Well No. 1), and a newer 200 gpm domestic well (Well No. 2). Well No. 1 does not produce enough water to meet the domestic, fire flow and irrigation needs of the school. Well No. 2 was drilled when the new gymnasium was being built in order to assist with fire flow and irrigation needs. Unfortunately, this well has been found to be contaminated and cannot be used for domestic water. It is currently used as back up for fire flow. The school is currently in the process of applying for a grant for a new domestic standard well that will meet the State standards for drinking water and fire flow. When this Project was originally undertaken a portion of the layout was different. Biological and cultural subconsultant assessments were completed in 2018 by Odell Planning and Research, Inc., and Sierra Valley Cultural Planning (under contract to Odell Planning and Research) but the CEQA document was never finished or adopted. The Project approach was updated in 2020 and a portion of the Project APE was outside of what the subconsultants originally assessed. Kleinfelder was hired in 2020 to provide supplemental assessments to the original biological and cultural assessments to include the portion of the Project site that was outside of the original survey area. Both the original assessments and the supplemental assessments are included in their respective appendices at the end of this document.

### Project Description

The Project proposes to drill and construct a new domestic standard well (Well No. 3) for the school at the location illustrated in . The new well is expected to yield about 300 gpm. In addition to the construction of Well No. 3, the following items will also be constructed:

- A 10,000-gallon pressure tank. The pressure tank will measure approximately 20 feet in height and approximately 30 feet in diameter and will be located at the new well site.
- A gate valve with valve box
- Backflow preventer
- 15hp booster pump
- 6 ft high chain link fence around new well and appurtenant facilities, with a 30-ft wide double drive gate.
- 166 linear feet (LF) of new water distribution line (using open-trench method of construction installation)
- 500-LF of new irrigation main to all valve boxes from the well.

These Project components contained within the APE as defined above, are illustrated in [Error! Reference source not found.](#) In addition to constructing a well, associated infrastructure, and water pressure tank, the Project proposes to abandon the Well No. 1, per Tulare County standards and remove the associated existing 10,000 gal. water pressure tank, pump and electrical service.

### Construction

Construction of the Project is anticipated to be completed within three months, which will include the demolition of Well No.1, drilling and installation of Well No. 3, construction of a water storage tank, booster pumps, and associated infrastructure, and connection to the existing distribution system. Construction equipment will likely include a drilling rig, excavator, graders, backhoes, skidsteers, loaders, and hauling trucks. The Project will involve approximately 0.25 acres of ground disturbance.

Generally, construction will occur between the hours of 7am and 5pm, Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Post-construction activities will include system testing, commissioning, and site clean-up.

Construction will require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment. Staging areas will be located onsite.

Although construction is not expected to generate hazardous waste, field equipment used during construction has the potential to contain various hazardous materials such as diesel fuel, hydraulic oil, grease, solvents, adhesives, paints, and other petroleum-based products.

### **Operation and Maintenance**

Operation and maintenance of the water system will continue to be performed by the school's existing maintenance staff.

Invoice Date	Invoice No./ Description	Reference Number	Account Classification	Amount
6/7/2021	06/07/21	PV-210903	010-00000-0-00000-82000-58000-0-0000	\$2,538.25

Issue Date 06/08/2021	Vendor Number 949	Number 62027405	Net Amount \$ 2,538.25
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