

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE
CITY OF DORRIS CITY COUNCIL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Dorris has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the City Council, as lead agency, intends to adopt the MND at their regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, July 6, 2021**, with a finding that the proposed project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment. The session will commence at 6:30 PM, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the City Council Chambers, 307 S. Main St., Dorris, CA.

Project Applicant: City of Dorris

Project Title: City of Dorris Wastewater Collection and Treatment Project

Project Location: The project is located in the City of Dorris, an incorporated City in northeastern Siskiyou County, situated approximately two miles south of the Oregon border. The City is bisected by U.S. Route 97 (US 97). Sewer line replacements would occur within paved and unpaved road rights-of-way and utility easements, primarily on the west side of US 97. Two pipeline segments east of US 97 on E. 4th Street would be replaced. The Seattle Street Lift Station (LS) is located on the west side of Seattle St., generally south of W. 2nd St. and north of W. 3rd St. The Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) is located in the southwestern corner of the City. (See **Figure 1** of the IS/MND).

Project Description: The project includes improvements to the City's wastewater collection system, Seattle Street LS, and WWTP that are required in order to repair and replace aging infrastructure and improve efficiency in the wastewater treatment process. Improvements include replacing ±3,120 linear feet of 6-, 8-, and 10-inch sewer line and installing ±27,400 linear feet of cured-in-place pipe lining in existing sewer lines. The Seattle Street LS would be converted to a wet well and miscellaneous equipment would be upgraded and/or replaced. The force main between the LS and the WWTP would be replaced.

Improvements at the WWTP include constructing a new headworks, an aeration basin and separate disposal area in existing Pond 2, a ±62-square-foot control/blower building, piping, and other associated facilities. A SCADA system and emergency back-up generator would be installed. The existing access road from US 97 to the WWTP would be regraded and relocated within the City's existing 20-foot-wide easement; an overhead power line to the WWTP would be installed immediately north of the road in a new 15-foot-wide utility easement. Underground electrical lines would be installed from the new electrical service to the new control/blower building. Groundwater monitoring wells would be installed around the WWTP. If funding allows, a photovoltaic solar system would be installed on the WWTP property south of the new aeration ponds.

Information Availability: The IS/MND is available for review at the following locations:

Dorris City Hall, 307 S. Main St., Dorris, CA
Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Electronic copies are available on the City's website: <https://dorrisca.us>

Public Review Period: The public review period **starts on May 20, 2021, and ends on June 21, 2021**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period or appear and present oral testimony at the meeting.

Comment Submittal: Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 4:30 PM on **June 21, 2021**.

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