

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE
CALLAHAN WATER DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Callahan Water District has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed Callahan Water District Water System Improvements Project. Based on preliminary analysis, the Callahan Water District intends to adopt the MND at a special meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, July 12, 2021, at 3:00 PM** with a finding that the proposed project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment. The meeting location is as follows: **820 McKeen Road, Callahan, CA 96094.**

Project Applicant: Callahan Water District
Project Title: Water System Improvements Project

Project Location: The project is located in and near the unincorporated community of Callahan in Siskiyou County, generally 30 air-miles southwest of Yreka and 25 air-miles west of the City of Mt. Shasta. Improvements would occur primarily on the south side of Highway 3, along South Fork Road, and along McKeen Road, in Sections 7 and 31 of Township 39N, Range 8W; Sections 16, 17, 20, 21, 28, 29, and 32 of Township 40N, Range 8W; and in Section 36 of Township 40N, Range 9W, MDM (See **Figure 1** in the Initial Study).

Project Description: The Callahan Water District (District) owns and operates a small water system in the unincorporated community of Callahan in rural Siskiyou County. The purpose of the proposed project is to obtain compliance with State Water Resources Control Board requirements, provide adequate fire flows, and ensure a safe and reliable water supply for residents and businesses in the District's water service area. The District's existing surface water rights would not change as a result of the project.

Proposed improvements include replacement of old and undersized waterlines, installation of water meters, meter boxes and service lines; installation of a new water intake structure (including a fish screen and piping) at the District's existing water diversion point in Boulder Creek; improvements to the water treatment plant to bring the treatment process into compliance with current surface drinking water standards; improvements to the existing in-ground concrete water storage reservoirs; construction of a new 63,000-gallon above-ground welded steel water tank and associated access road improvements.

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

Callahan Post Office Lobby, 12436 S. State Highway 3, Callahan, CA
Monday through Saturday from 12:01 AM to 11:59 PM

Electronic copies of the IS/MND and related project documents are available on the environmental consultant's website: www.enplan.com and on the State Clearinghouse website (Search for Callahan Water District under Lead/Public Agency): <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced>

Public Review Period: **The public review period starts on June 3, 2021, and ends on July 2, 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 5:00 PM on July 2, 2021.

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