

## CAMROSA WATER DISTRICT

### NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE CONEJO WELLFIELD GRANULAR ACTIVATED CARBON WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Camrosa Water District (District) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Conejo Wellfield Granular Activated Carbon Water Treatment Plant Project (Project). The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Thursday, September 23, 2021, at 5:00 pm, at the District Office, 7385 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, 93012. The public can only participate via the web. To participate, use the Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9235309144> via your computer, tablet, or smartphone. Download and install the ZOOM app before logging on. To make a comment, log in via the app so we can identify you. To listen in via phone, call (669) 900-6833; when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 923 530 9144.

The District operates potable, non-potable, and recycled water supply systems in southern Ventura County, California. The District's service area encompasses approximately 31 square miles. The potable water system serves roughly 32,000 people and delivers approximately 15,000 acre-feet of water each year through more than 8,500 service connections in portions of the cities of Camarillo, Moorpark, and Thousand Oaks and unincorporated Ventura County. The District's potable water system is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB), Division of Drinking Water (DDW) as a community water system.

In 2018, the State Water Board implemented a new maximum contaminant limit (MCL) for 1,2,3-Trichloropropane (TCP), a synthetic organic compound that was an impurity in certain soil fumigants used in agriculture, of 5 ppt. Upon testing, it was discovered above the MCL in three of the four wellfield wells, which were promptly removed from service. The fourth well was taken offline in early 2020. The Project would construct a granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment plant to treat for the TCP. The plant is expected to be completed in 2022. The wellfield will remain off until that time.

The District has decided to move forward with the treatment Project and the proposed new facilities would occupy approximately 2.5 acres. Specific Project components include: Three pairs of GAC vessels (six total); Backwash equalization tank; Treated water storage tank; Well pump replacements; Fixed standby generator; Chemical feed systems; pipeline and electrical conduit; Piping, fittings, valves, and associated infrastructure; Backwash pumps; Chain link fence; and Overall site improvements.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation.

Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review on the District's website <https://www.camrosa.com/> and at the District Office, 7385 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, 93012. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on August 12, 2021, and end on September 13, 2021. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30<sup>th</sup> Street, Bakersfield, CA 93301, or at [dgiacomini@ppeng.com](mailto:dgiacomini@ppeng.com).