NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fall River Valley Community Services District (District) has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the proposed Two Rivers Park project. The District is circulating the IS/MND for public review in accordance with Section 15073.5 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Based on preliminary analysis, the District Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at a regular meeting scheduled for **Wednesday**, **November 17**, **2021**, with a finding that the proposed project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment. The session will commence at **6:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible. Due to social distancing requirements related to COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted online via livestream (Zoom) in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order N 29-20. Members of the public may remotely listen to and participate in the meeting by following the instructions included in the final agenda for the November 17 Board meeting. The agenda can be viewed at the following link: https://www.frvcsd.org/board-meetings

Project Applicant: Fall River Valley Community Services District

Project Title: Two Rivers Park Project

Project Location: The project site is located within the unincorporated community of Fall River Mills in Shasta County at the confluence of the Pit and Fall Rivers. Improvements would occur on both the east side of the Fall River along Cassel-Fall River Road, and on the west side of the Fall River south of Grand Rapids Avenue. Assessor's Parcel Numbers: 018-540-013, 018-540-021, 018-540-023, 018-550-003, and 032-270-001, and Shasta County road right-of-way.

Project Description: The Fall River Valley Community Services District (FRVCSD) acquired fee title from Pacific Gas and Electric Company for approximately 35 acres of private lands for the development of a community park. FRVCSD began construction of the first phase of park improvements in 2012, which included a parking area, decomposed granite trails, and various landscaping amenities.

The proposed project includes construction of additional park facilities and community trails. Improvements on the west side of the Fall River include a paved road, unpaved parking lot, recycle waste station, and a new community trail. A gate and signage would be installed. On the east side of the Fall River ±400 feet of the existing trail would be paved, and a drinking fountain and a picnic area with a pavilion would be installed. Solar panels would be mounted on top of the pavilion. Benches, picnic tables, signage, recycle waste stations, an information kiosk, and a gate with a decorative archway would be installed. A public restroom would be constructed adjacent to the existing parking lot, and landscaping improvements including trees, shrubs, and mulch would be located throughout the park.

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

Fall River Valley District Office, 24850 3rd St., Fall River Mills, CA 96028 *Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

Electronic copies are available on the District's website: https://www.frvcsd.org/ and on the State Clearinghouse website (search for Fall River Valley Community Services District under Lead/Public Agency and select the Two Rivers Park project): https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced

Public Review Period: The public review period starts on **October 13, 2021**, and ends **November 15, 2021**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period.

Comment Submittal: Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by **4:00 PM** on **November 15, 2021.**

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