



Big Sandy Rancheria, 37387 Auberry Mission Road, Auberry, CA 93602

**Notice of Intent to Adopt an
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Date: October 29, 2021
To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Interested Parties
From: Big Sandy Rancheria
Subject: **Notice of Intent to Adopt an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration**

Pursuant to the *State of California Public Resources Code and the Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act*, as most recently amended, this is to advise that the Big Sandy Rancheria (BSR) has prepared an Initial Study to evaluate the environmental effects of the project identified below:

Project Title: Big Sandy Rancheria Wastewater System Improvements Project

Project Sponsor: Big Sandy Rancheria, 37387 Auberry Mission Road, Auberry, CA 93602.

Project Location: The project site is approximately 280 acres in size, and is located approximately one mile east of Auberry, a census-defined place in eastern Fresno County. The BSR is located approximately 20 miles northeast of the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area. Regional access to the BSR is made through State Route (SR) 168 and Auberry Road.

Project Description: The project would include the construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and associated wastewater collection system within the Big Sandy Rancheria (BSR). The project would provide wastewater service to all residences within the BSR boundary, as well as to all community buildings with water service, including the following:

- 54 Existing Residential Structures
- Mono Wind Casino
- Gas Station
- Gymnasium
- Tribal Administration Buildings
- Head Start Buildings

CEQA Project Status: An Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) has been prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. The IS/MND determined that the proposed project would result in less-than-significant impacts, and therefore a Mitigated Negative Declaration



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is proposed. The Public Review Draft IS/MND and all related analysis are available on BSR's website at bigsandyrancheria.com.

Public Hearing: The BSR will consider the proposed project and IS/MND at a public meeting that has not been scheduled. When scheduled, the hearing will be held at 3:00 p.m. at Big Sandy Rancheria gym.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period will begin on October 29, 2021. Written comments must be mailed, faxed, submitted in person, or via email to the contact person identified below no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 29, 2021.

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BSR staff encourages your agency or organization to review the IS/MND and offer comments during the public review period. BSR staff would greatly appreciate receiving written comments at the earliest possible time. This would greatly assist us in meeting the project schedule. You are also welcome to contact us at (559) 374-0069 with any questions you might have.