

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MILLVIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT ANNEXATION PROJECT

In accordance with Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Sections 15072 and 15087, the Millview County Water District is circulating an Initial Study/Negative Declaration for the Millview County Water District Annexation Project for public comment.

Based on the Initial Study prepared for the proposed project, the Millview County Water District has prepared a Draft Negative Declaration (ND) pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Millview County Water District is distributing this Notice of Intent to Adopt (NOI) to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the Mendocino County Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that a Draft ND for the proposed project is available for public review during the public comment period (November 4, 2021 through December 6, 2021).

Project Title: Millview County Water District Annexation Project

Lead Agency: Millview County Water District

Project Location: The project is located within Mendocino County, northeast of the Ukiah city limits, and all proposed activities would occur within unincorporated Mendocino County. The project is situated east of State Route (SR) 101, north of Ford Road, south of Hollow Tree Creek Road, and west of the Russian River. The proposed annexation would include 26 separate parcels. The total project area is approximately 246 acres, or 0.38 square miles. The project has an approximate center point latitude and longitude of 39.171289° and -123.201642° respectively.

Project Description: The subject of this Initial Study is the annexation of 26 parcels into the Millview County Water District (District).

The District serves potable drinking water within an approximately ten square mile area and within the Ukiah Valley Area Plan (UVAP) specific plan area. The District is proposing the annexation of 26 parcels into the District service area that are located immediately contiguous to the current service area. The proposed annexation area falls entirely within the District's existing Sphere of Influence.

Each of the parcels proposed for annexation are within the UVAP Plan Area and were analyzed as part of the UVAP Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Since the UVAP EIR was at a "Program" level, individual projects proposed within the UVAP Plan Area, such as annexations, are subject to the policies within the UVAP and mitigation measures adopted in the UVAP EIR.

The District presently provides out-of-district connections to several properties located within the proposed annexation area. The District also maintains substantial infrastructure throughout the annexation area, including an existing 12-inch water line that runs along Ford Road at the southern annexation area boundary and a 12-inch water line that runs north-south and traverses nine parcels in the annexation area. Two of the parcels in the annexation area are owned by the District, one of which contains a District owned and operated well (Well 6). An existing 8-inch water line traverses five parcels within the western portion of the annexation area. Overall, the District has existing

infrastructure that either serves or traverses 20 of the 26 parcels proposed for annexation. The proposed project would formalize the existing out-of-district connections and infrastructure that are within the Sphere of Influence, but not presently within the District boundaries.

Negative Declaration: The Initial Study/Negative Declaration will be available for review at the following locations beginning on November 4, 2021:

1. Millview County Water District, 151 Laws Avenue, Ukiah, California.
2. www.willowcountywaterdistrict.org/millview

Public Review Period: The 30-day public review period for the Initial Study/Negative Declaration is from November 4, 2021 through December 6, 2021.

Comments: Any person who wishes to comment on the District's intent to adopt the ND must submit written comments no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 6, 2021. Written comments may be sent to Jared Walker, General Manager, Millview County Water District, 151 Laws Avenue, Ukiah, California 95437. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to jwalker@willowcwd.org.

Public Hearing: On December 7, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., the Millview County Water District Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of the Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The hearing will be held at 151 Laws Avenue, Ukiah, California.