

SIERRA FOOTHILL CHARTER SCHOOL

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE WATER WELL REPLACEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Sierra Foothill Charter School (SFCS) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Water Well Replacement Project (Project). The board meeting will be held by the School's Board of Directors on Thursday February 10th, at 5:30 pm at the Mariposa County School District Office located 5082 Old Hwy N, Mariposa CA 95338. Zoom information can be found at <https://www.mcusd.org/> prior to Board meeting.

The proposed new well will be located on the SFCS school site (APN: 016-280-005-000), but at a different location from the existing well (400 feet apart). The proposed well will be drilled to an estimated 700 feet below ground surface (bgs) or less depending on the geology. Associated chlorination treatment and hydropneumatics pressure systems and other appurtenances necessary for the production and treatment of domestic water will be installed. The Project will also add two new 2,500-gallon water storage tanks, a pump house to house the booster pumps, and six (6) inch diameter pipeline connection of approximately 100 feet to the existing distribution system. Pipeline excavation will be limited to 3.5 feet deep or less.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The School District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this 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 at 4952 School House Road, Catheys Valley, CA 95306. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on December 23, 2021, and end on January 24, 2022. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W Fir Avenue, Fresno CA 93611, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.