

**PROPOSED**  
**MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
**OF THE**  
**IVANHOE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT**

**COUNTY CLERK**  
**COUNTY OF TULARE**

The project hereafter described will, in our evaluation, have no significant effect on the environment provided the impact mitigation measures discussed below are implemented and does not, therefore, require the filing of an Environmental Impact Report.

Board of Directors  
Ivanhoe Public Utility District

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carol Fina, Secretary

Dated:

**Brief description of project:**

Construct and operate Municipal Water Well No. 9 on the South side of Avenue 324, 1,320 feet West of Road 156 and a conveyance pipeline along portions of Avenue 324, Road 156 and Aspen Avenue, Ivanhoe, CA to provide potable water to the Ivanhoe Public Utility District customers.

**Reason(s) for mitigated negative declaration finding:**

The construction and operation of the municipal water well and conveyance pipeline will result in no adverse long-term environmental impacts. Potential short-term construction related impacts will be avoided or reduced to a less than significant level by use of defined mitigation measures and construction specifications.

**Monitoring/avoidance measures:**

Although no sensitive species were observed during the biological reconnaissance field survey conducted on July 2, 2021, a pre-construction survey is to be conducted prior to any ground disturbing activities to ensure that no sensitive species, such as ground nesting birds, have moved onto the site and could be potentially impacted by scheduled construction activities. Additional biological oversight procedures are incorporated to further monitor for the occurrence of these species on the Project site. A Monitoring and Reporting Program has been developed for the Project and contains the details of the oversight structure adopted for the Project.

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