

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO  
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE  
SKY VIEW COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that Sky View County Water District has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the Sky View County Water District Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at their regularly scheduled meeting of **Wednesday April 13, 2022**, with the session commencing at **7:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Payne's Creek Firehouse located at 33731 Ponderosa Way, Paynes Creek, CA 96075.

**Project Applicant:** Sky View County Water District

**Project Title:** Water System Improvements Project

**Project Location:** The project is located in an unincorporated area of Tehama County, generally 35 miles northeast of Red Bluff, between the unincorporated communities of Paynes Creek and Mineral. Improvements would occur in public road rights-of-way (ROW) and utility easements, and on the District's water tank site on Ponderosa Way. The transmission main extension under Highway 36 would be within Caltrans' ROW (see Figures 1 and 2 in the Initial Study).

**Project Description:** The proposed project includes improvements to the Sky View County Water District water distribution system that are needed to replace aging infrastructure, improve fire flows and fire protection, reduce ongoing maintenance costs, improve redundancy in the system, and ensure a safe and reliable potable water supply for customers in the District's water service area.

Proposed improvements include replacement of old and undersized waterlines, installation of water meters, meter boxes, and service lines, and replacement/installation of fire hydrants. The existing Ponderosa Way water tanks would be demolished and replaced by a single tank, and the booster pump station would be replaced. Improvements at the well site include replacing the existing well house and associated equipment, and completing improvements to the well. A new transformer would be installed at the well site, an access stairway would be constructed across Paynes Creek, and the existing overhead electric line between the well site and the Ponderosa Way water tank site would be replaced with underground electric conduit. The water system would be extended to serve residents on Canyon View Loop, north of Highway 36. This would include installing new waterlines, water services, meters, and fire hydrants. A new water tank would be installed near the upper (eastern) intersection of Canyon View Loop and Highway 36. The subject property is not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities/sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

**Information Availability:**

**Electronic copies** of the IS/MND and related project documents are available on the State Clearinghouse website (Search for Sky View County Water District under Lead/Public Agency):  
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced>

**Sky View County Water District:** Contact Timothy Taylor at **530.597.2913** to arrange to review a hard copy.

**District's Environmental Consultant:** Contact ENPLAN (see below) to request an emailed copy.

**Public Review Period:** The public review period starts on **March 1, 2022**, and ends on **March 31, 2022**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period or appear and present oral testimony at the meeting.

**Comment Submittal:** Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on March 31, 2022.

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