

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

To: Kern County, Clerks Office
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

From: Lamont Public Utility District (LPUD)
8624 Segrue Road
Lamont, CA 92341

and

Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

Water Supply Improvement Project

Project Title

#2022030580

Mr. Scott Taylor

(661) 845-1213

State Clearinghouse Number

Lead Agency Contact Person

Area Code/Telephone/Extension

Project Location:

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- Well 5 Replacement Site: An approximate 0.27-acre site located at the southeast corner of Maxey Drive and Weedpatch Highway, APN 188-290-32. The small parcel is deemed adequate for a new well and potential treatment system because it is adjacent to the existing Well No. 5 site which can be used to support the new well facilities.
- Well 12 Replacement Site: An approximate 1.0-acre site located east of Habecker Road and north of the extension of Segrue Road, at the southeast corner of APN 188-250-30. The parcel is actually about 7.1-acres in size, but the land owner has agreed to sell the 1.0 acre well site parcel.
- Consolidation of the El Adobe Property Owners Association (EAPOA) as part of the PUD for water potable service. The EAPOA is a small community of approximately 250 residents located approximately two miles west of Lamont. To serve this area a new 10-inch water transmission line is proposed to be installed along Di Giorgio Road.

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This is to advise that the Lamont Public Utility District has approved the above described project on

Lead Agency Responsible Agency

5/25/22
(Date)

and has made the following determination regarding the above described project:

1. The project will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
 A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project and a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted.
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration/Initial Study and record of project approval is available to the general public at:

Lamont Public Utility District, 8624 Segrue Road, Lamont, CA 92341

 Signature
General Manager Title
5/25/22 Date



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2022 ENVIRONMENTAL FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (Rev. 1/01/22) Previously DFG 753.5a

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LEAD AGENCY LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 6/3/2022
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Kern	DOCUMENT NUMBER 22252	

PROJECT TITLE WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT			
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME LAMONT PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER (661) 845-1213	
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 8624 SEGRUE ROAD	CITY LAMONT	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 92341
PROJECT APPLICANT (check appropriate box)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Local Public Agency	<input type="checkbox"/> School District	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Special District	<input type="checkbox"/> State Agency <input type="checkbox"/> Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	\$3,539.25	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	\$2,548.00	\$	2,480.25
<input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program document (CRP)	\$1,203.25	\$	0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee			
<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)			
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<input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	\$850.00	\$	0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee		\$	50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____		\$	

PAYMENT METHOD:

<input type="checkbox"/> Cash	<input type="checkbox"/> Credit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	TOTAL RECEIVED	\$	2,598.00
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MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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Lead Agency: Lamont Public Utility District (LPUD)
8624 Segrue Road
Lamont, CA 92341

Contact: Scott Taylor
(661) 845-1213
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MARY B. BEDARD
AUDITOR CONTROLLER-COUNTY CLERK
DEPUTY

Project Title: WATER SUPPLY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

SCH Number: #2022030580

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Notice of Environmental Document
Posted by County Clerk on 6/3/22
and for 30 days thereafter, Pursuant to
Section 11152(C), Public Resources Code

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Finding:

Lamont Public Utility District (LPUD) decision to implement this proposed project is a discretionary decision or "project" that requires evaluation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Lamont PUD has prepared an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to evaluate the project impacts and has concluded the project will not have any significant negative impacts on the environment upon implementation of the recommended mitigation measures.

Initial Study:

A copy of the Initial Study and all other material, which constitutes the record of proceedings upon which Lamont Public Utility District based its decision to adopt this Mitigated Negative Declaration, may be obtained at Lamont Public Utility District, 8624 Segrue Road, Lamont, CA 92341. The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration was available for 30-day public review and comment during the review period, which began on March 23, 2022 and ended on April 21, 2022. Comments should be sent to Scott Taylor, General Manager at the address above. For additional information, contact Mr. Taylor at (661) 845-1213 or at staylor@LPUD.org.

Mitigation Measures:

All mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study are summarized under Summary of Mitigation Measures and are proposed for adoption as conditions of the project. These measures will be implemented through a mitigation monitoring and reporting program if the Mitigated Negative Declaration is adopted.

  
Signature Title Date