

MADERA WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE MADERA LAKE PUMP & PIPELINE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Madera Water District (MWD) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Madera Lake Pump and Pipeline Project. The public hearing will be held by the District's Board of Directors on Wednesday November 9, 2022 at 9:00 am, at the District Consultant's Office, Blankenship & Associates, 1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 105, Madera, CA 93637.

Madera Water District (MWD) proposes to develop a project that would allow water from Madera Irrigation District (MID) or other sources to be brought into MWD through Madera Lake. Madera Lake is supplied by an existing turnout off the Fresno River which is fed by the upstream watershed regulated by Hidden Dam on Hensley Lake and from water from the Madera Canal. Water supplies could be from the Central Valley Project Friant Division, Fresno River, or pre-1914 supplies.

The Project entails the installation of a 26 to 30-inch steel siphon in Madera Lake, booster pumps and pipeline to obtain a flowrate of up to 8,000 gpm from Madera Lake, with up to 6,000 gpm delivered into Madera Water District and up to 2,000 gpm delivered to the neighboring property from outside water supplies.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the Project. The 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 the District Consultant's Office, Blankenship & Company, 1663 N. Schnoor Street, Suite 2015, Madera, CA 93637. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on September 21, 2022 and end on October 21, 2022. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Amy Wilson at Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group, 400 E. Main St., Ste 300, Visalia, CA 93291, or at awilson@ppeng.com.

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