



NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
(Pursuant to PRC Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)
AND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONE 4 TANK AND PUMP STATION PROJECT

The Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Zone 4 Tank and Pump Station (project). The project site is within the unincorporated community of Sugar Pine in Tuolumne County, approximately 11 miles northeast of the City of Sonora. Coordinates of the approximate center of the site are 38° 3'47.71" north latitude, 120°11'39.41" west longitude.

Project Description: The project would include constructing a new storage tank and pump station on TUD property to provide reliable water storage capacity to District customers. The existing White Fir Tank and pump station would be removed following completion of the new tank and pump station. The project would require installing new 6-inch water mains within the existing road section of White Fir Drive and Live Oak Street to connect the proposed storage tank and pump station to TUD's existing water mains located within Sugar Pine Road and Jeffrey Lane. The proposed storage tank and pump station would be located on a 0.5-acre TUD-owned parcel within the overall approximately 1.44-acre project site; within the project site, approximately 0.4 acres of total ground disturbance would occur with project implementation.

Hearing: TUD's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on December 13, 2022, at 9:00 am at 18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora, CA to consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Public Comment: Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Initial Study will be received from October 6, 2022 to November 5, 2022. A copy of the documents can be reviewed at TUD's District Office at 18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora, CA or online at <https://tudwater.com/development-services/environmental-documents>. Requests for additional information and comments can be sent to Elizabeth Merchant-Wells, TUD Assistant Engineer, at TUD's District Office or emailed to emerchant-wells@tudwater.com. Verbal comments may also be provided at the public hearing.

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