

**SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
BLUE RIDGE TANK REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Title: San Lorenzo Valley Water District's Blue Ridge Tank Replacement Project

Location: The project is the replacement of an existing water tank. The project is located in a rural residential neighborhood in the unincorporated community of Boulder Creek in Santa Cruz County, California. The project is located south and east of Blue Ridge Drive and north of Short Street. The Blue Ridge Tank site is located on Assessor Parcel Numbers 084-261-13 and APN 084-261-14. These parcels are contiguous and are 0.095 acres and 0.241-acres respectively. Regional access is provided to the proposed project site via State Highway 9 and Kings Creek Road. The lands surrounding the proposed project site are developed with single family residences. The proposed project site is developed with the existing water tank and associated utilities and infrastructure.

Project Description: The San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD) would be replacing the existing redwood 40,000-gallon Blue Ridge Tank with a new 160,000-gallon tank providing 120,000-gallons of effective storage located in the community of Boulder Creek. The existing tank is currently undersized and leaking. The proposed project would involve demolition and removal of the existing Blue Ridge Tank, electrical panel, and utility connections. Site preparation would involve grading and removal of nineteen mature trees (8 redwoods, 2 oaks, 8 fir and 1 madrone) to accommodate the larger replacement tank. The new 160,000-gallon tank would be craned into location. The utility and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system would be connected to the new tank, after which the tank would be placed into service.

Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Lead Agency: San Lorenzo Valley Water District

Agency Contact Person: Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager, (831) 430-4369, cblanchard@slvwd.com

Document Type: CEQA – Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Public Meeting: The SLVWD Board of Directors will consider the project at a Board of Directors meeting held at 6:30 PM on December 1, 2022. Public participation will be remote. Members of the public can access a link to attend the meeting virtually at (agenda & virtual link will not be available until 11/25/2022).

30-Day Document Review: The document can be found online at: <https://www.slvwd.com/projects/pages/blue-ridge-tank-project>. Upon request, a hard copy can be available for review at SLVWD's office, 13060 CA-9, Boulder Creek, California 95006. Please contact Carly Blanchard at cblanchard@slvwd.com.

Notice is hereby given that the project described above has been reviewed in accordance with the State of California Public Resources Code and the California Environmental Quality Act. Based on this review, a Mitigated Negative Declaration is hereby made on this project. This determination was established based on evidence that the project would not result in significant adverse impacts to the environment. Public comments regarding the correctness, completeness, or adequacy of this Mitigated Negative Declaration can be forwarded to the SLVWD at the address provided below. Written comments can be submitted on or before the close of the 30- day public review period to the following:

Carly Blanchard, Environmental Programs Manager
San Lorenzo Valley Water District
13060 Highway 9
Boulder Creek, CA 95006

Public Review Period: Start Date: October 14, 2022

Ending Date: November 12, 2022

Figure 1 Project Location

