

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Olivehurst Public Utility District proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act for the project listed below:

PROPOSED PROJECT: South Yuba County Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Improvement Project (South County Infrastructure Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The five component project is located on approximately 825 acres within, and adjacent to, the community of Olivehurst in southwest Yuba County, primarily within existing roadways. Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Reduction Measures/WWTP Modifications are located within the existing urbanized area of Olivehurst. These components are located within Sections 5, 8, 9, and 17 of Township 14 North, Range 3 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian (MDB&M). The approximate center point of these facilities is located at: 39°04'23.61" N, 121°32'49.59" W. The South County Wastewater Collection/Water Supply and Delivery/Wheatland Wastewater Pipeline Connector components of the project are located in an undeveloped area south of the existing community of Olivehurst. Improvements associated with these three components are located within Sections 5, 8-10, 14-15, 17, and 22-27 Township 14 North, Range 3 East, MDBM. The approximate center point of Components 3 and 4 is located at 39°03'04.73" N, 121°29'59.02" W.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project assessed in the Mitigated Negative Declaration is the construction and operation of:

- Component 1. Completion of SSO reduction measures to the existing wastewater collection system serving the existing community of Olivehurst;
- Component 2. Modification of the existing OPUD WWTP to accommodate increased wet weather flows and replace equipment within the WWTP that has reached the end of its operational life;
- Component 3. Expansion of OPUD's wastewater collection system to provide service to the recently annexed South County Service Area between Forty Mile Road and Rancho Road;
- Component 4. Construction and operation of a Water Plant and backbone treated water distribution pipelines within the General Plan growth area along Forty Mile Road and Rancho Road; and,
- Component 5. Construction and operation of a wastewater collection system to accept and treat City of Wheatland untreated wastewater at the existing OPUD WWTP.

AVAILABILITY OF THE DOCUMENT: Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at the Olivehurst Public Utility District office, 1970 9th Street, Olivehurst CA 95961, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m (closed for lunch from 12:00 to 1:00). The document can also be downloaded from the OPUD website at <https://www.opud.org>.

REVIEW PERIOD: OPUD is providing a 30-day public review period for the Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration. The review period begins on March 13, 2023 and ends at 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2023.

COMMENTS ON THE MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: OPUD welcomes and encourages agency and public review and comment on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration. Anyone wishing to make formal comments on the environmental document must do so in writing, by mailing comments to the address listed below, or submitting them by fax or email. The full name and physical mailing address of the agency, individual, or organization must be included in the comment. Please use the phrase "South County Infrastructure Project Mitigated Negative Declaration Comment" in the subject line.

Send comments by email to: jtillotson@opud.org

Send comments by regular mail or fax to:

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All written comments must be received by OPUD no later than 4:00 pm on April 11, 2023.

PUBLIC MEETINGS: The proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be presented in a public hearing before OPUD at its regularly scheduled meeting beginning at 7 p.m. on April 20, 2023 at the OPUD office at 1970 9th Street, Olivehurst, CA.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting John Tillotson, District Manager, Olivehurst Public Utility District at (530) 743-4657, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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