

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE
WESTHAVEN COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Westhaven Community Services District (WCSD) has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the WCSD Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at a special meeting of **Tuesday, October 8, 2024**, with the session commencing at **6:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the Westhaven Fire Hall located at 446 6th Avenue, Westhaven, CA.

Project Applicant: Westhaven Community Services District

Project Title: Disinfection Byproduct Reduction Project

Project Location: The project is located in the unincorporated community of Westhaven in Humboldt County. Improvements would occur at the District's 4th Avenue Well, located on 4th Avenue, generally west of Transit Avenue, at the District's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) site, located at the eastern end of 4th Avenue, and in the 4th Avenue road right-of-way (ROW) between the two facilities. Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) electric line improvements would occur within the road ROW of 4th Avenue, Railroad Avenue, and 8th Avenue, and within public utility easements on private property. See **Figures 1 and 2** in the IS/MND.

Project Description: The project entails improvements to the Westhaven Community Services District's (District) water system that are required to improve the water treatment process, replace aging and undersized infrastructure, provide additional water storage, and improve fire flows to ensure a reliable water supply in the District's service area. Waterlines and electrical conduit would be installed from the 4th Avenue Well to the WTP site. Fire hydrants would be installed on 4th Avenue. Existing water meters and meter boxes adjacent to 4th Avenue would be replaced. Improvements at the WTP site include construction of a new WTP building, installation of a septic tank and leach field, installation of two propane tanks, an emergency back-up generator, a Battery Energy Storage System, and a hydropneumatic tank, installation of drainage improvements, improvements to the existing access driveway, and installation of a ~200,000 gallon glass-fused bolted steel water tank with an aluminum domed roof. Sand and gravel media in both slow sand filters would be replaced. Appurtenant piping, drainage, and electrical improvements would be completed. Photovoltaic (PV) solar panels would be installed on the roof of the WTP building. A Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system would be installed. A "Humboldt crossing" on Two Creek would be removed. Improvements at the WTP require conversion of a single-phase power alignment to 480V/3-phase as well as extension of powerline to the new WTP facilities. This would entail replacing existing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) power poles, overhead powerlines, and appurtenant facilities, and extending an overhead electrical line to a new power pole at the WTP. See *Section 3.0, Project Description, in the IS/MND for more information.*

Information Availability: The Initial Study and proposed MND are available for review at the following locations:

Electronic copies of the IS/MND and related project documents are available on the State Clearinghouse website (Search for Westhaven Community Services District under Lead/Public Agency):
<https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced>

Westhaven Community Services District. Call **707.677.0798** to arrange to review a hardcopy.

Public Review Period: The public review period starts on **August 15, 2024**, and ends on **September 16, 2024**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period or appear and present oral testimony at the meeting.

Comment Submittal: Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on **September 16, 2024**.

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