

Notice of Determination

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From: Public Agency and Lead Agency:
Northstar Community Services District
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21152 of the Public Resources Code

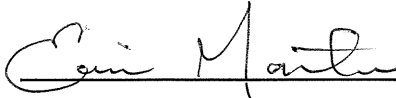
State Clearinghouse Number: 2023040571
Project Title: NCSD Wood Energy System
Project Applicant: Northstar Community Services District
Project Location: Placer County, Northstar California

Project Description: Northstar Community Services District (NCSD) plans to construct a community-scale wood energy system consisting of two hot water boilers, which would be heated by combustion of wood chips at a Wood Energy utility Facility and a thermal energy distribution pipeline connected to existing heating systems within approximately 14 buildings and facilities including residential and commercial spaces, swimming pools/spas, and potentially the snow melt system for the Village at Northstar plaza. The connected facilities are currently served by natural gas-fired boilers, thus the project would reduce natural gas use within the community.

This is to advise that the Northstar Community Services District, as Lead Agency, originally approved the project on June 21, 2023 and on November 15, 2023 approved an Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration to address minor modifications to the project. Specifically, the Addendum provides additional details on the attachment of the thermal energy distribution pipeline to the underside of any existing bridge that crosses a perennial stream and modifications to Mitigation Measure BIO-1 to ensure that indirect impacts to that stream are avoided during the pipeline installation process. The following determinations, originally made on June 21, 2023, remain unchanged.

1. The project will not have a significant effect on the environment.
2. A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation Measures were made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan was adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for this project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA. Such findings are presented in the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

This is to certify that the Mitigated Negative Declaration and record of project approval is available to the General Public at: <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/72ae17b9813c4636abf2685a1639b7b0>

Signature:  Title: Director of Public Works

Date: 11-17-2023 Date Received for Filing: _____