

**SAN LORENZO VALLEY WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED
NEGATIVE DECLARATION
BRACKEN BRAE AND FOREST SPRINGS CONSOLIDATION PROJECT**

Title: San Lorenzo Valley Water District’s Bracken Brae and Forest Springs Consolidation Project

Location: The proposed project is located in the community of Boulder Creek and unincorporated Santa Cruz County. Pipeline construction would occur within the following roadways: State Highway 236 (Big Basin Highway), Oak Avenue, Hazel Brake, West Park Avenue, Park Street, and Acorn Way. The existing Forest Springs water storage tank is located on APN 083-23-102 at the terminus of Reservoir Road. The Bracken Brae water storage tanks are located at the end of Burnside Bend. The proposed pump station would be located within an easement on APN 082-03-118, located at the corner of Ridge Drive and Big Basin Highway.

Project Description: The purpose of the Bracken Brae and Forest Springs Consolidation Project (proposed project) is to consolidate and incorporate two small mutual water companies, Bracken Brae and Forest Springs, into the SLVWD system. The proposed project includes the following actions: installation of 8,960 linear feet of 10- and 12-inch diameter water main in the existing SLVWD right-of-way (ROW); installation of a new pump station in located within an easement on APN 082-03-118, located at the corner of Ridge Drive and Big Basin Highway; demolishing the two existing 17,500-gallon existing concrete block Forest Springs water storage tanks (37,000 gallons total capacity) and four 10,000-gallon (40,000 gallons total capacity) Bracken Brae temporary water storage tanks; and installation of one or two water storage tanks (total 120,000-gallon capacity) at the existing Forest Springs water storage tank site.

Applicant: San Lorenzo Valley Water District (SLVWD)

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 June 15, 2023. 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 June 9, 2023).

30-Day Document Review: The document can be found online at:

<https://www.slvwd.com/projects/pages/bracken-brae-and-forest-springs-consolidation-project>

Upon request, a hard copy can be available for review at SLVWD’s office, 13060 CA-9, Boulder Creek, California 95006.

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
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Public Review Period: Start Date: April 28, 2023

Ending Date: May 29, 2023

Figure 1 Project Location

