

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE
BELLA VISTA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bella Vista Water District (District) 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 Bella Vista Water District Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at their regularly scheduled meeting on **Monday, October 23, 2023**, with the session commencing at **5:30 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the District Office located at 11368 E. Stillwater Way, Redding, CA.

Project Proponent: Bella Vista Water District

Project Title: Three-Million-Gallon Regulating Station Tank Project

Project Location: The proposed project is located within the boundaries of the Bella Vista Water District. Improvements would occur at four different locations: the Regulating Station site on Hidden Acres Road in the unincorporated community of Bella Vista; the Well 3 site on Gilbert Drive in the unincorporated community of Palo Cedro; the Well 4 site on Abernathy Lane in the City of Redding; and the Well 6 site on Old 44 Drive in an unincorporated area adjacent to the Redding city limits. See *Figures 1 through 6 in the IS/MND*.

The subject properties are not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities/sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Project Description:

The proposed project includes improvements to the BVWD's water system. Improvements at the Regulating Station (Water Tank) site on Hidden Acres Road include constructing a new three-million-gallon (MG) above-ground water tank and appurtenances; installing a new pump station and electrical controls room; installing compacted Class II aggregate base throughout the Water Tank site; installing new waterlines and piping; completing drainage improvements; relocating existing Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) power poles and overhead powerlines, installing a new electrical transformer, and extending electrical service to the water tank; installing new fencing around the perimeter of the site; repairing/restoring Hidden Acres Road to pre-existing conditions or better following completion of the improvements; and installing supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) systems at the Water Tank site and three existing BVWD well sites (Wells 3, 4, and 6). The purpose of the proposed project is to increase water storage and improve operational efficiency in the water supply and distribution system. *Details on the improvements are included in Section 3.0 (Project Description) of the IS/MND.*

Information Availability: The IS/MND is available for review at the following location:

Bella Vista Water District Office, 11368 East Stillwater Way, Redding, CA
Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Friday from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

Electronic copies are available on the District's website: <https://www.bvwd.org/> and on the State Clearinghouse website (search for Bella Vista Water District under Lead/Public Agency and select the Three-Million-Gallon Regulating Station Tank Project): <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced>.

Public Review Period: The general public review period starts on **September 4, 2023**, and ends on **October 4, 2023**. The State agency review period starts on **September 5, 2023**, and ends on **October 4, 2023**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period.

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 October 4, 2023.

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