

**NEVADA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA**  
**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO**  
**ADOPT A PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**TO:**

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Building Department  
Department of Public Works – Engineering  
Department of Public Works – Transit  
Environmental Health Department  
Nevada County Transportation Commission  
Nevada County CEO  
North San Juan Fire District  
Fire Protection Planner  
Nevada County Historical Landmarks Commission  
Sierra Nevada Group/Sierra Club  
Rural Defense League of NSJ  
San Juan Ridge Taxpayers Association  
Northern Sierra Air Quality Management District

CalTrans  
AT&T  
PG&E  
CA Fish and Wildlife  
Central Valley Water Quality Control  
CA Native Plant Society Redbud  
State Clearinghouse  
OOTI Nature Preserve  
Commissioner Mike Mastrodonato, District IV  
Supervisor Susan Hoek, District IV  
Jeff Thorsby, Board of Supervisors  
Tyler Barrington, Principal Planner  
County Counsel

**September 11 2023**

**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

**Date:** September 29, 2023

**File Number(s):** PLN23-0121; MGT23-0026; EIS23-0004

**Applicant:** County of Nevada, Department of Public Works  
Attn: Steven Whittlesey, Senior Civil Engineer  
950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170  
Nevada City, CA 95959

**Project Location:** Western Nevada County, within and adjacent to the North San Juan Rural Center, including State Highway 49 south of Sweetland Road to Oak Tree Drive; portions of Flume Street, Reservoir Street, Cherokee Street, and Oak Tree Road. Public right-of-way and APNs 060-110-001, 060-120-055, 060-120-016, 060-091-008, 060-091-009, 060-120-023, and 060-120-054.

**Project Description:** The proposed project is to construct water system facilities for fire suppression in the North San Juan community. The system will include a 330,000-gallon steel water storage tank, a well with pump and related controls, a well building, approximately 3,850 feet of 12-inch pipeline, 500 feet of 6-inch fire hydrant lateral pipeline, 12-inch butterfly valves, 6-inch gate valves, and fire hydrants. Utility and construction easements will be obtained across private property, with most of the work being installed in the public right-of-way.

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**PUBLIC REVIEW:** As a lead agency, in accordance with CEQA, Nevada County is distributing the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) to interested public and regulatory authorities for review and comment for a period of 30-days. Nevada County is inviting comments and concerns regarding

North San Juan Fire Suppression Project  
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the IS/MND during the public review period spanning **September 29, 2023 to October 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** Final action on the proposed MND will be taken by the Nevada County Board of Supervisors after the completion of the public review period at a duly noticed public hearing.

**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review on Nevada County's website at <https://www.nevadacountyca.gov/994/Environmental-Documents>. Hardcopies may be reviewed at the Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959.

Written comments should be sent to the following address: Marie Maniscalco, Associate Planner, Nevada County Planning Department, 950 Maidu Avenue Suite 170, Nevada City, CA 95959 – Email: [marie.maniscalco@nevadacountyca.gov](mailto:marie.maniscalco@nevadacountyca.gov); on or before **October 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the “Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970,” as amended to date, a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared because no substantial evidence exists, as indicated in the attached Initial Study, that the proposed project may have a significant environmental effect that is not mitigated to a level of less than significance.

Prepared by:



Marie Maniscalco, Associate Planner

9/27/23

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