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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Placer County Water Agency is circulating the Duncan Hill Treated Water Improvements Project Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public comment.

PROJECT: Duncan Hill Treated Water Improvements Project

PROJECT LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION: The proposed Project is located in Placer County, approximately 0.2 mile west of the City of Auburn and approximately 1.4 miles east of the unincorporated community of Ophir, California. PCWA is proposing to install approximately 1.5 miles of treated water pipeline within Millertown Road, Calnick Lane, Voyiatzes Road, Duncan Hill Road, and Ophir Road. In addition to the pipeline alignment, two pressure-reducing stations would be installed along the proposed Project alignment for the system to operate properly.

The purpose of the project is to install a new treated water pipeline to provide resiliency to PCWA's treated water system by connecting two existing pipelines that are in close proximity to each other. This connection would tie the Auburn/Bowman distribution system to the Foothill, Sunset, and Ophir distribution system and add redundancy for failures, maintenance and repairs. Additionally, within the Duncan Hill neighborhood, there are several residences along the proposed path of the pipeline that use private groundwater wells and canal water from the Fiddler Green Canal as water sources. The project would allow for individual parcels to connect to the pipe along the alignment, as well as provide fire hydrants.

DOCUMENT REVIEW AND AVAILABILITY: The 30 day public review period for this IS/MND begins on November 20 and ends December 20, 2023. A copy of the IS/MND is available for public review at the following location:

- PCWA's website, www.pcwa.net
- Link: <https://docs.pcwa.net/PCWA-Duncan-Hill-Treated-Water-Improvements-Project-CEQA-NOI.pdf>

A public hearing on this proposed project is scheduled for January 18, 2023 at 2:00 PM which will be held in the American River Room at the Placer County Water Agency, 144 Ferguson Road, Auburn, California. The project and the environmental analysis will be considered at that time.

CONTACT: Please send your comments on this environmental document to: Placer County Water Agency, Attention: Heather Trejo, P.O. Box 6570, Auburn, CA 95604, Phone: (530) 823-4905 or email to htrejo@pcwa.net.

PROJECT IMPACTS: Based on the findings of the Initial Study, it has been determined that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment based on mitigating measures, which will be attached to the project as conditions of approval. A Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared outlining a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan to mitigate the potentially significant impacts.