NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE TRINITY COUNTY WATERWORKS NO. 1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Trinity County Waterworks District No. 1 (TCWD) 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 TCWD Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at their regular meeting on **Tuesday**, **April 16**, **2024**, with the session commencing at **2:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the District Office located at 320 Reservoir Road, Hayfork, CA.

Project Applicant: Trinity County Waterworks District No. 1

Project Title: Hayfork Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project

Project Location: The project is located within the unincorporated community of Hayfork in Trinity County. Improvements would occur at the District's Water Treatment Plant (WTP) site, located at the northern end of Reservoir Road, and at the Ewing Pump Station, located south of Ewing Reservoir.

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: Improvements at the WTP site include constructing a new ~6,800 square-foot water treatment building, 600,000-gallon potable clearwell tank, 110,000-gallon backwash storage tank, backwash water recycle pump station, leach field and septic tank, and a potassium permanganate dosing station. Aggregate base would be installed throughout the WTP site to provide access to the new and the existing facilities, and a small parking area would be installed adjacent to the new water treatment building. Miscellaneous drainage improvements would be completed throughout the WTP site. Two power poles, overhead electrical lines, a ground-mounted transformer, a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) control system, ~3,415 feet of pipeline, and a new 400 kW emergency back-up generator would be installed at the WTP site, and modifications would be made to the regulation reservoir and existing 500,000-gallon water storage tank. SCADA equipment would be installed at the Ewing Pump Station; improvements would include either constructing a ~30-foot communications tower adjacent to the Pump Station building or mounting a ~30-foot tall antenna to the building.

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

Trinity County Waterworks Office, 320 Reservoir Road, Hayfork, CA *Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM*

Electronic copies are available on the District's website (https://trinitycountywaterworks.com) and on the State Clearinghouse website (search for Trinity County Waterworks District under Lead/Public Agency and select the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project): https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced

Public Review Period: The public review period starts on **February 29, 2024**, and ends on **April 1, 2024**. 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 4:30 PM on April 1, 2024.

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