



Mission Union School District

"Where every child is brilliant."

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY/NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION Mission Union School Water System Improvements Project

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mission Union School District (District), acting as the lead agency, has accepted, and coordinated the preparation of a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND), pursuant to the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15072, for the Mission Union School Water System Improvements Project.

Project Description: The proposed project involves demolition of an existing 225 gallon per minute (GPM) well and installation of a new, deeper well at the Mission Union School District, located at 36825 Foothill Road, Soledad, CA 93960. The proposed project would cover approximately 781 square feet and includes installation of a new and deeper well, construction of a potable water storage tank, a water booster pump system, and a backup propane generator. Well installation would involve a deeper well screen interval, between 394 and 700 feet, to reach groundwater not afflicted with nitrate contamination. Construction of the proposed well would involve a stainless-steel wire wrapped well screen; a well/pump building to house the wellhead, pressure pump, pressure tank, various appurtenances, a Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system, control panels, and electrical panels; and creation of a 50-foot well site control zone to protect the well from vandalism, tampering, or other threats. The installation of this new well would represent a sustainable, long-term solution to nitrate contamination and replace the existing use of 12 point of use reverse-osmosis nitrate filters. A dedicated water line would connect the new well outlet to the water storage tank and duplex pressure pump. Additionally, the proposed project includes a new, 10,000-gallon bolted steel potable water storage tank, inclusive of a submersible well pump. The water storage tank would connect to a duplex pressure pump intended to deliver water to the existing distribution system. The back-up propane generator would keep the well and pump system online in case of a power outage.

The District encourages the public to provide written comments on the environmental document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND will be accepted during a 30-day review period, from **May 21, 2024 to June 19, 2024 at 5:00 PM**. Address all written comments to: **Sandra Shreve, Superintendent/Principal, Mission Union School District, 36825 Foothill Road, Soledad, CA 93960**. E-mail comments may be addressed to: sshreve@missionusd.org. Please provide comments prior to the close of the public review period, by 5 PM on **June 19, 2024**.

Document availability: The Draft IS/MND is available for review online at <https://www.missionusd.org/home> and at the District offices (at 36825 Foothill Road, Soledad, CA 93960) during operating hours of the District.

For questions on the project, contact: Sandra Shreve, Superintendent/Principal, Mission Union School District (831) 678-3524.