

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the United Water Conservation District (United and Lead Agency) has prepared a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) for the project listed below pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) State Guidelines §15000 et seq. Anyone desiring to comment on the IS-MND may do so in writing within the **30-day public review period, commencing April 17 through May 17, 2024**. The document is available for public review at: <https://www.unitedwater.org/key-documents/#ceqa>.

Project Title: PTP Recycled Water Connection, Laguna Road Pipeline Project

Project Location: The project site is located in unincorporated Ventura County, south of Camarillo and east of Oxnard. The proposed project alignment extends along or directly north of Laguna Road, which is approximately 1.7 miles east of State Route 1 and 1.4 miles south of State Route 34. The project includes consideration of two alignment alternatives, the North Alignment Alternative and the Roadway Alignment Alternative. The North Alignment Alternative would run through privately owned agricultural land north of Laguna Road. The Roadway Alignment Alternative would run along Laguna Road within the public right-of-way. The proposed pipeline would extend from Wood Road on the east to approximately one mile east of East Pleasant Valley Road on the west.

The project site also partially encompasses Revolon Slough, a 55-foot wide, 16-foot deep concrete box channel that generally runs north-south and flows into Calleguas Creek. A portion of the project would also be located northwest of the intersection of Laguna Road and Wood Road, within Assessor Parcel Number 218-002-062.

Brief Project Description: United Water Conservation District (United) operates the Pumping Trough Pipeline (PTP) System, an agricultural irrigation pipeline. United's PTP System is located approximately 3,500 feet west of the Pleasant Valley County Water District (PVCWD) system on Laguna Road in unincorporated Ventura County, and the purpose of the project is to facilitate transfer of existing water supplies from PVCWD to United's PTP System. The project would involve the construction of approximately 3,000 linear feet of new 24-inch inside diameter pipeline within or immediately north of Laguna Road as well as a pump station with associated piping. The proposed pipeline would extend from Wood Road on the east to approximately one mile east of East Pleasant Valley Road on the west. The pipeline alignment would cross Revolon Slough via a pipe bridge parallel to the Laguna Road Bridge, or via trenchless pipeline installation underneath the slough. The new pipeline would connect to the recently approved PVCWD Groundwater Sustainability Improvement Program pipeline at the intersection of Wood Road and Laguna Road. The project would also involve construction of a new pump station at the northwest corner of the intersection of Laguna Road and Wood Road (Phase 2). The project would include construction of two distribution blow-offs, which would allow for discharge of pipeline water from the proposed pipeline and pump station into Revolon Slough during emergency or maintenance operations where dewatering of the pipeline and/or pump station is required. Discharges would comply with NPDES permit requirements. Pipeline construction (Phase 1) is anticipated to occur from October 2024 to March 2025. Pump station construction (Phase 2) would follow completion of Phase 1 and is anticipated to take approximately six months. Construction activities would occur from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Construction equipment staging and worker parking areas would be located on roadway shoulders along Laguna Road and on the pump station site. Construction activities under the Roadway Alignment Alternative may require at least a temporary single-lane closure along Laguna Road, and could require a double lane closure with detours.

Public Meeting: The United Board of Directors will consider the project at a Board of Directors meeting scheduled for July 10, 2024. Please check the Board Meeting agenda prior to the meeting to confirm the hearing date and attendance details: <https://www.unitedwater.org/governance/#board-documents>

30-Day Document Review: The IS-MND is available for review online at: <https://www.unitedwater.org/key-documents/#ceqa>. A copy of the IS-MND is also available for review at United's offices at 1701 North Lombard Street, Oxnard, California 93030.

Contact Person and Comments: Written comments may be submitted via mail or email to Tessa Lenz, Environmental Scientist. **Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on May 17, 2024**. If submitting comments via email, please include "Laguna Road Pipeline Project" in the subject line.

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