



LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Date: July 31, 2024

To: Responsible and Trustee Agencies, Organizations, and Individuals

Subject: Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration
Lake Shastina Drinking Water System Improvements Project

Draft Initial Study / Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Lake Shastina Drinking Water System Improvements Project is now available for review. More information is provided below.

NOTICE IF HERBY GIVEN that Lake Shastina Community Services District (CSD or District) has prepared an Initial Study pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the Lake Shastina CSD Board of Directors (Board), as the lead agency, intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the project. A MND is a statement that the project will not result in a significant adverse effect on the environment.

The Lake Shastina CSD Board will consider adoption of the MND at their regularly scheduled meeting of September 18, 2024, with the session commencing at 1:00 p.m., or soon thereafter as possible, at the District's Administration Building located at 16320 Everhart Drive, Weed, California.

Project Location: The project area is in Township 43 North, Range 5 West, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 25, 26, 31, 35, and 36, Mount Diablo Base Meridian (MDBM). The project area is located entirely within the District's boundaries and is generally situated within Township 43 North, Range 5 West, Sections 1, 2, 11, 12, 25, 26, 31, 35, and 36, Mount Diablo Meridian.

Related Zoning and Uses: The existing Siskiyou County zoning is RES-1 (Single-Family Residential). The project area is surrounded by residential uses, vacant undeveloped land, portions of Lake Shastina and active agricultural lands.

Description of Project: The District has identified several deficiencies in the overall water treatment system including aging tanks, inadequate water storage, inadequate pressure in the southeast zone, lack of backup power, and aging fire hydrants. To remedy these deficiencies, the District proposes a combination of replacement components and new construction (well house buildings and one above ground water tank). The District is planning to make upgrades to all water meters and fire hydrants throughout the project site. The water meters will be replaced with automatic sensor meters and no ground disturbance will be required at these locations. The fire hydrants will need to be replaced at the elbow joint in the ground. Soil disturbance within 10 feet of each fire hydrant and approximately 48 inches of depth is expected with the use of a backhoe

and hand tools, within negligible vegetation or bare ground. The proposed water infrastructure improvements are located within the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs):

- Water tank 4 location APN: 020-071-270-000.
- Water tank 3 location APN: 108-200-120-000.
- Water tank 2 location APN: 106-380-450-000.
- Water tank 1 location APN: 106-190-150-000.
- Place a temporary water tank outside of pump station 53 on APN: 107-080-270-000.
- New pump station location APN: 107-450-550-000.
- 319 fire hydrant replacements throughout the project area within Township 43 North, Range 5 West, sections 35, 26, 25, 31, 36, 1, 12, 11, 2, Mount Diablo Meridian.

Environmental Topics Evaluated: The Draft IS/MND examines the potential impacts generated by the proposed project in relation to the potential of the project to have an impact on the environment.

Other public agencies whose approval is required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or participation agreement): The District, as Lead Agency for the proposed project, has discretionary authority over the primary project proposal. To implement this project the following discretionary permits/approvals from other agencies will be required:

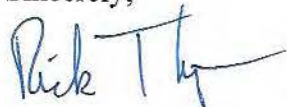
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Siskiyou County – Water well permit, building permit, electrical permit.
- Siskiyou County Air Pollution Control District
- State Water Resources Control Board

Public Review Process: The public comment period begins on Wednesday, July 31, 2024 and will end on Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. Written comments can be mailed or emailed to the attention of Rick Thompson, General Manager, Lake Shastina Community Services District, 16320 Everhart Drive, Weed, CA 96094; RickT@lakeshastina.com.

Address Where Copy of the Draft IS/MND is Available: Printed copies of the Draft IS/MND are now available for review at the Lake Shastina Community Services District office, 16320 Everhart Drive, Weed, California, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). The Initial Study can also be accessed and downloaded from the District's website at: <https://www.lakeshastina.com>.

For more specific questions about the proposed project or the Draft IS/MND please contact Rick Thompson, General Manager, at (530) 938-3281. Questions may also be emailed to Rick Thompson at RickT@lakeshastina.com.

Sincerely,



Rick Thompson
General Manager