

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT NEGATIVE DECLARATION OR MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ironhouse Sanitary District invites public review and comment on the environmental document listed below. The public review period begins on October 15, 2024, and ends on November 14, 2024. Written comments concerning the adequacy of the document will be accepted until 5:00 P.M. on November 14, 2024. The document is posted in the County Clerk's office and is also available at on ISD's website at: <https://www.ironhousesanitarydistrict.com/268/CEQA-Notice>.

If you would like to request an electronic copy of a document then please contact Tyson Zimmerman, with the Ironhouse Sanitary District, at (925)809-3011, or by email at zimmerman@isd.us.com.

INITIAL STUDIES PROPOSED AS MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS:

Mitigated Negative Declaration (Giant Garter Snake Mitigation Bank) – the applicant is proposing to provide high-quality foraging, basking, and sheltering habitat for giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*, GGS) to protect the existing population and greatly enhance its size and resilience. The goal would be to obtain GGS habitat credits for nearly the entire mitigation bank area. Because GGS require a mosaic of upland and wetland habitat, and to better service the mitigation market, another goal would be to receive perennial emergent marsh credits for re-established wetland habitats, and riparian credits for riparian scrub habitats established as part of the habitat enhancement for GGS. The proposed method for creating GGS habitat is to construct a habitat matrix consisting of approximately 200 acres of open water, perennial or semi-permanent marsh, edge habitat, constructed upland berms, and restored riparian scrub by integrating into the existing ditches in several locations in order to provide water and subsequent drainage for the restored habitats.

The Ironhouse Sanitary District will hold a public hearing in-person and by teleconference to consider the environmental document for the proposed project that is listed above. The public hearing will be tentatively held on December 17, 2024, at 6:30PM PT. Instructions on how to participate will be posted with the ISD Board of Directors meeting agenda at least ten (10) days prior to the date of the meeting. Pursuant to *California Government Code* Section 65009, subdivision (b), if you challenge the Mitigated Negative Declaration (Giant Garter Snake Mitigation Bank) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the special public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Ironhouse Sanitary District at, or prior to, the public hearing. Interested parties are invited to appear by teleconference and present evidence or make statements of fact regarding the proposed project. For more information regarding the proposed project please contact Tyson Zimmerman, with the Ironhouse Sanitary District, at (925)809-3011, or by email at zimmerman@isd.us.com.

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