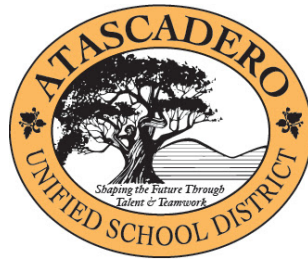


**Final
Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration
for the
Carrisa Plains School Water System Improvements Project**

SCH# 2024120933

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CHAPTER 1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

This document, together with the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (“Draft IS/MND”), constitutes the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (“Final IS/MND”) for the Carrisa Plains School Water System Improvements Project (“Project or Proposed Project”). The Atascadero Unified School District (“District”) is the lead agency for the proposed project. The Final IS/MND consists of an introduction, comment letters received during the 30-day public review period, responses to comments, and revisions to the Draft IS/MND, if deemed applicable.

1.2 Public Participation

The Draft IS/MND was prepared to inform the public of the potential environmental effects of the Project and identify possible ways to minimize project-related impacts. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”) Guidelines Section 15073(a), the Draft IS/MND was circulated for a 30-day review period during which comments could be submitted. In accordance with CEQA, the Final IS/MND is included in the official public record for the Initial Study. On December 19, 2024, the Draft IS/MND was distributed for the public review period to responsible and trustee agencies, interested groups, and individuals. The review period ended on January 17, 2025. A District Board of Trustees meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2025 to consider the adoption of the Final IS/MND and approval of the Project.

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CHAPTER 2. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

2.1 Introduction

This chapter includes comments received from the public and public agencies during the circulation of the Draft IS/MND. This section contains all information available to date in the public record related to the Draft IS/MND.

2.2 List of Comment Letters

The following is a list of comment letters/email comments received on the Draft IS/MND and the dates these letters were received:

Comment Letters

A. Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties 12/23/2024

2.3 Response to Comments

Each letter received on the Draft IS/MND is presented in this chapter, as identified in **Section 2.2** above. Individual comments in each letter are numbered. Correspondingly numbered responses to each comment are provided in the discussion following the comment letter.

If comments received on the Draft IS/MND raise environmental issues that required additions or deletions to the text, tables, or figures in the Draft IS/MND, a brief description of the change is provided, and the reader is directed to **Chapter 3, Revisions to the Draft IS/MND**.

The comments received on the Draft IS/MND did not result in a "substantial revision" of the IS/MND, as defined by CEQA Guidelines Section 15073.5, and the new information added to the IS/MND merely clarifies, amplifies, or makes insignificant modifications to the Draft IS/MND. No new significant impacts were identified since the commencement of the public review period that would require mitigation measures or project revisions to be added in order to reduce the effects to less than significant.

While responses to comments on a proposed IS/MND are not required by CEQA (Pub. Resources Code, § 21000 et seq.), this Response to Comments document is provided to demonstrate the District's careful consideration of the comments in compliance with CEQA. These responses provide the District's good faith, reasoned analysis on the major environmental issues raised in the comments.

Letter A: Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties

Comment A-1: Thank you, we concur with the Phase 1 study.

Response A-1: Comment acknowledged. This comment does not raise a concern with the validity of the CEQA analysis for the Proposed Project and no further response is required. No text changes to the Draft IS/MND are required as a result of this comment.

Comment A-2: As the report states, if inadvertent cultural objects are discovered or unearthed, we would appreciate a brief work stoppage, and a direct call so we may assess and protect such resources.

Response A-2: Comment acknowledged. The District would ensure that a work stoppage is implemented in the event that cultural objects are discovered or unearthed during construction, consistent with **Mitigation Measure CUL-2**. In addition, the District would notify the Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties, as well as other tribes that have requested notification on the Proposed Project, consistent with **Mitigation Measure CUL-2**. No text changes to the Draft IS/MND are required as a result of this comment.

CHAPTER 3. REVISIONS TO THE DRAFT IS/MND

The District does not propose any changes to the text of the Draft IS/MND (December 2024).

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COMMENT LETTERS

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From: [Ri Piatti](#)
To: [Alice Colombo](#)
Cc: [Robyn Simpson](#)
Subject: Re: Carrisa Plains School Water System Improvements Project
Date: Monday, December 23, 2024 5:58:38 PM

Thank you, we concur with the Phase 1 study.

A-1

As the report states, if inadvertent cultural objects are discovered or unearthed, we would appreciate a brief work stoppage, and a direct call so we may assess and protect such resources.

A-2

Regards,
Robert Piatti
Salinan Tribe of Monterey & San Luis Obispo Counties Council Member
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On Thu, Dec 19, 2024 at 7:34 AM Alice Colombo <alicecolombo@atasusd.org> wrote:

Please find attached the Notice of Availability/Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Carrisa Plains School Water System Improvements Project, pursuant to the requirements of CEQA Guidelines §15072.

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