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**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY**

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DATE: January 27, 2025

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Manzanita Elementary School Well Replacement Project — GRIDLEY, CA**

The Manzanita Elementary School District (MESD) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Manzanita Elementary School Well Replacement Project (Proposed Project). MESD has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

**Project Location:** The Proposed Project is located in unincorporated Butte County, near the city of Gridley, primarily east of Highway 99 and north of East Evans Reimer Road.

**Project Description:** The Manzanita Elementary School Well Replacement Project involves the construction of a new 550-foot-deep well to supply 200 gallons per minute (gpm) of potable and non-potable water to the school. The Project also includes the demolition of the existing onsite well per Butte County standards, the installation of 900 feet of C-900 polyvinyl chloride (PVC) piping and PVC underground electrical conduit from the new well location to the existing well location, a new 50 kW 240V 3-Phase diesel generator with automatic transfer switch on a concrete slab next to the new well, a 6-foot-high chain link fence with privacy slats installed around the well and generator, and a 15,000 square foot access road. The access road will connect the new well site to Center Avenue, located north of the Project Area. A roadside swale will also be constructed to allow for drainage.

**Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts:** Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geological and paleontological resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

**Hazardous Waste Sites:** Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, NID acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

**IS/MND Document Review and Availability:** The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting January 27, 2025 and ending February 26, 2025.**

**Comments/Questions:** Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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