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

DATE: February 27, 2025
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations
SUBJECT: **Amador Water Agency – lone Reliability Capacity and Backwash Piping Project, AMADOR COUNTY**

The Amador Water Agency (AWA) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed *lone Reliability Capacity Expansion (IONE 1A.8) lone Site Security & Access Improvements (IONE 1A.4) and lone Backwash Handling Improvements -IONE 1A.9- Project: WO# 7424107 & 7424108 & 7424109* (lone Reliability capacity and Backwash Piping Project). AWA has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The lone Wastewater Treatment Plant (WTP) is located within the southeastern portion of the City of lone, south of Old lone-Jackson Road, northeast of Foothill Boulevard, north of Brickyard Road, and generally west of California State Route 124. The proposed backwash pipeline will run from the existing lone WTP, south under Highway 104, continuing south between Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (APN) 011150021000 and 005130027000, along the east side of the old lone Racetrack, under Brickyard Road, and west to Highway 124. The pipeline will go under Highway 124 and end at the US Mine parcel. The approximately 10.72-acre Project Area corresponds to a portion of Section 30, Township 6 North, and Range 10 East (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) and a portion of the Unsectioned Arroyo Seco Land Grant of the lone, California 7.5-minute quadrangle. The approximate center of the Project Area is located at 38.351145° latitude and -120.92725° longitude within the Upper Mokelumne watershed.

Project Description: The Project proposes to repair and/or replace facilities at the existing 2.19 acre lone WTP due to age deterioration and limiting capacity. The project will also include the construction of a new backwash handling 6” pipeline that will run from the lone WTP south approximately 1.3 miles to the US Mine property.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, transportation and tribal cultural 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, AWA 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 IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting February 27, 2025 and ending March 31, 2025**. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<https://amadorwater.org/connection-installation/environmental-review/>

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

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