



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
TUOLUMNE UTILITIES DISTRICT
SIERRA PINES REGIONAL WATER TREATMENT FACILITY PROJECT**

(Pursuant to CEQA Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, the Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD), has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility Project (the proposed Project). Based on the results of the Initial Study, TUD determined that construction and operation of proposed Project would not have significant impacts on the environment. All potentially significant impacts identified in the Initial Study would be reduced to less than significant levels with implementation of appropriate mitigation measures.

Project Description:

TUD is proposing to construct and operate the proposed Project on 46-acres near Twain Harte, California in unincorporated Tuolumne County. The first phase of the proposed Project (the subject of analysis in the IS/MND) involves construction and operation of a water treatment facility with an initial operational capacity of 3 million gallons per day (mgd). The proposed Project water treatment facilities include a new 30-acre-foot-capacity raw water reservoir, a raw water pump station, filter building, sludge lagoons associated appurtenances and electrical structures, water conveyance pipelines, a stormwater detention basin, as well as new recreational trails and amenities. New water transmission pipelines would be installed offsite (within the franchise position of roadways and other public rights of way) to convey treated water to existing TUD facilities.

Public Comment Period: October 9, 2020 to November 9, 2020.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TUD Board of Directors intends to adopt a CEQA Mitigated Negative Declaration in December 2020 for TUD's Sierra Pines Regional Water Treatment Facility Project in accordance with the CEQA Guidelines.

The public, all interested agencies and stakeholders are invited to review the IS/MND and submit written comments, pursuant to CEQA. The IS/MND may be accessed at this website: <https://tudwater.com/development-services/environmental-documents/>

Written comments are due by 5 PM on November 9, 2020 and may be sent via mail to:

Tuolumne Utilities District
Attn. Erik Johnson, District Engineer
18885 Nugget Blvd.
Sonora, CA 95370

Or

Via email to: EJohnson@tudwater.com
*Please reference Sierra Pines
Comments in the subject line.*

Information Public Meeting

Thursday October 22nd, 2020

3:00pm & 4:30pm

S. Fork Rd. & Sierra Pines Ave

Meet at the proposed project site located at the intersection of S. Fork Rd. & Sierra Pines Ave in Twain Harte. TUD signs will be posted. To comply with social distancing the meeting is offered at two sessions. Information will be presented at 3:00pm and 4:30pm. Please attend only one session. Presentation length is estimated at 30 minutes followed by questions and answers. Bring your own chair if desired.

In the event of rain, the public meeting will be held via Zoom. Please visit the TUD website for details

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