



Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

To: Public Agencies, Interested Parties, and Mendocino County Clerk

Project Title: Water System Reconstruction Project – Water Supply and Storage Improvements

Lead Agency: Mendocino Unified School District, 44141 Little Lake Road, Mendocino, CA 95460

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Review Period: May 11, 2023 to June 9, 2023

The Mendocino Unified School District (MUSD) has prepared this notice to inform agencies and interested parties that it is releasing a Subsequent Mitigated Negative Declaration (Subsequent MND) for a water system reconstruction project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Project Description and Location

The MUSD Board of Trustees previously adopted a Mitigated Negative Declaration and approved a water system reconstruction project on October 15, 2020. After adoption of the MND and approval of the project, the MUSD agreed to coordinate with the Mendocino City Community Services District (MCCSD) to allow additional water supply and storage improvements on MUSD's property. The modified project includes additional water supply and storage improvements to address water system deficiencies and to develop an emergency water supply for community use during periods of drought when many private wells run dry. The modified project includes replacement water storage tanks, new groundwater wells, a replacement water treatment building, and new on-site access roads at MUSD-owned property at 44020 Little Lake Road.

Providing Comments

Because the current project includes modifications from the previously evaluated project, the MUSD determined that a Subsequent MND should be prepared to determine whether the previous conclusions remain valid considering the current project. A 30-day public review period for the Subsequent MND will extend from May 11 to June 9, 2023. The Subsequent MND is available for public review online at <http://www.mendocinoused.org/>, as well as at the MUSD office during business hours at 44141 Little Lake Road, Mendocino, CA 95460.

Please e-mail any comments on the Subsequent MND by 5 PM on June 9, 2023 to Jason Morse at jmorse@mcn.org. After the review period closes, the MUSD Board of Trustees will consider adopting the Subsequent MND and approving the modified project during a public meeting tentatively scheduled for either June 13 or August 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM. We encourage you to check MUSD's webpage to confirm the date, time, and location of the Board meeting at the following website address: <http://www.mendocinoused.org/>.