

NOTICE OF INTENT
TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE PROPOSED ADVANCED METERING INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT
IN THE CITY OF FREMONT, CITY OF NEWARK & CITY OF UNION CITY

The Alameda County Water District (ACWD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project (Project). The Project is located in the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City, California.

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Notice of Intent and Draft IS/MND is to be made available for public review and comment.

Proposed Project Location and Summary

The Project is located within ACWD's service area and would retrofit or replace the existing manual meter reading systems within its service area with an Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) system.

The proposed project would involve upgrading meter reading devices within ACWD's service area to advanced meter reading devices that communicate interval usage data to the District. The project would include installation of an AMI system, upgrade of existing consumption meters, Meter Data Management software (MDMS), Customer Portal software, the integration of these systems, and installation of pressure monitoring sensors in selected areas. Project deployment is expected to begin in 2020, and be completed within five years.

As compared to the current system, the number of field personnel required to read and maintain meters would be reduced, which would reduce operational vehicle travel and associated air quality, greenhouse gas emission, and energy consumption. In addition, near-real-time monitoring of water usage would allow quicker detection of water leaks, theft, and unnecessary water usage.

Review Period and Access to Project Materials

The Draft IS/MND may be reviewed at ACWD's headquarters at 43885 South Grimmer Blvd., Fremont, CA 94538, or online at: <https://www.acwd.org/128/Public-Notices>.

The 30-day public review period is from June 7, 2019 through July 8, 2019. Comments regarding the Draft IS/MND should be directed to Benjamin Egger, Project Engineer, at the address above, by phone at (510) 668-4482, or via email at benjamin.egger@acwd.com. ACWD will hold a future public meeting to consider adoption of the IS/MND and project approval at a later date.