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**Notice of Intent to Adopt a
Mitigated Negative Declaration for the
Maintenance District No. 8A North Fork Water System Improvements**

- Lead Agency:** County of Madera
Community & Economic Development Department
200 West 4th Street
Madera, CA 93637
- Project Title:** Maintenance District No. 8A North Fork Water System Improvements
- Project Location:** The project site is located throughout North Fork, California. North Fork is an unincorporated community in central portion of Madera County. MD-8A is located south of Bass Lake along the North Fork of Willow Creek, near the intersection of County Road (CR) 222 and CR 225. The existing water system consists of two wells, a 200,000-gallon storage tank, distribution piping, and appurtenances. The proposed improvements are generally located along CR 222 and CR 225, as well as near North Fork Elementary School, Mountain Oaks High School, and North Fork Town Hall.
- Project Description:** The proposed project includes development of the following water system improvements: 1) New Buckhorn Saloon and Restaurant; 2) North Fork Elementary School; 3) John Hovannisian Water System; 4) Bass lake Mobile Home Park; and 5) North Fork Community Development Council. Metered service connections at each of these water systems and water piping along CR 222, CR 225, and CR 228 will be constructed to consolidate these systems. Water piping, valves, fire hydrants, and appurtenances will be installed within North Fork Elementary School to provide a potable water distribution system that is separate from existing school wells and irrigation infrastructure.
- Water sources for the consolidated system will include Well No. 1, the Pizza Well, and Well No. 2. Site improvements such as fencing will also be constructed. A storage and booster pumping facility will be constructed in the vicinity of the Town Hall and the community wastewater treatment facility, on property currently owned by Chawanakee Unified School District. Additionally, the existing 200,000-gallon storage tank has a common inlet/outlet pipe. To improve water circulation in the tank, a new separate outlet will be constructed.
- The purpose of the improvements is to achieve compliance with the arsenic maximum contaminant level (MCL). All of the wells exceed the arsenic MCL, and a centralized treatment facility will be constructed to achieve compliance.
- Findings/Determination:** The County of Madera has reviewed and considered the proposed project and has determined that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment with the incorporation of mitigations, with substantial supporting evidence provided in the Initial Study. The County hereby prepares and proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project.

Public Review Period:

A 30-day public review period for the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration will commence on June 20, 2019 and will end on July 20, 2019 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration should be sent to the attention of Raymundo Gutierrez, Engineer II, and must be received at 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637, by 5:00 PM on July 20, 2019. Copies of the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the County of Madera Community & Economic Development Department, located at 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637, during normal business hours, and online at:

<https://www.maderacounty.com/government/public-works/quick-links/special-districts-bulletin>

Public Hearing:

A public hearing to consider project approval and adopt the Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration is scheduled before the County of Madera Development Review Committee (DRC) on Wednesday July 24, 2019 at 9:00 am, at the Board Chambers, located at 200 West 4th Street, Madera, CA 93637.

All interested parties are invited to be present and to submit statements orally or in writing before or during the meeting. Should you decide to challenge the decision of the DRC, you may be limited to these issues that were raised for consideration at the hearing.

Questions regarding the County's review of the project or Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration may be directed to Raymundo Gutierrez, Engineer II, at the address above, at (559) 675-7811, or Raymundo.Gutierrez@maderacounty.com.