

Notice of Availability and Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Date: Friday, September 17, 2021

Project Title: Pine Mountain Tunnel Tanks Replacement Project

Project Location: Concrete Pipe Road near Bolinas Road, Unincorporated Marin County

Project Sponsor: Marin Municipal Water District (Marin Water)
220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925

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To Whom It May Concern:

This notice is to inform you of the availability of the environmental review document concerning the proposed Project as described below. The document is a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), containing information about the possible environmental effects of the proposed Project. The Draft IS/MND documents the determination by Marin Water that the proposed Project could not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Preparation of an IS/MND does not indicate a decision by Marin Water to carry out or not to carry out the proposed Project. That decision will be made at a regularly noticed meeting of Marin Water's Board of Directors, currently scheduled for December 2021.

Project Description: Marin Water proposes to cease using the existing Pine Mountain Tunnel for water storage, and to replace the existing storage by building two, 2-million-gallon concrete water storage tanks on Marin Water's Watershed property on Concrete Pipe Road. The main Project components include:

- Two, 2-MG concrete water storage tanks, including concrete foundation slabs, concrete walls and roofs, and site drainage facilities,
- Steel pipes up to 30-inches in diameter and valves that are to be located within a new, buried, concrete vault structure, would connect each of the new tanks with the existing 30-inch diameter pipe in Concrete Pipe Road,
- Perimeter fencing and motion-sensor lighting, and
- Materials and spoils storage at Bullfrog Quarry and other currently developed or disturbed sites on Marin Water's watershed property.

Cortese List: The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) are responsible for updating the Hazardous Waste and Substances Site List compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (referred to as the "Cortese List"). An independent review of the hazardous materials databases confirms there are no active or closed hazardous materials sites within the Project site boundary (DTSC, 2021; SWRCB, 2021a).

Available for Review: The Draft IS/MND is available to view or download from Marin Water's web page (<https://www.marinwater.org/>). Paper copies of the IS/MND, and all documents cited in the IS/MND, are available for review during normal business hours at Marin Water, 220 Nellen Avenue, Corte Madera, CA 94925. Paper copies of the IS/MND are also available for review during normal business hours at the Sky Oaks Watershed Headquarters, on Sky Oaks Road.

If you have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact the staff contact listed above.

Within 30 calendar days following publication of the IS/MND (i.e., by 5:00 p.m. on October 20, 2021), any person may:

- 1) Review the IS/MND as an informational item and take no action, or;
- 2) Review the IS/MND and make recommendations for amending the text of the document. The text of the IS/MND may be amended to clarify or correct statements and may be expanded to include additional relevant issues or to cover issues in greater depth. Reviewers should focus on the sufficiency of the document in identifying and analyzing the possible impacts on the environment and ways in which the significant effects of the project might be avoided or mitigated. Comments are most helpful when they suggest additional specific mitigation measures that would provide better ways to avoid or mitigate the potentially significant environmental effects.