

Purissima Hills Water District



PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency:	Purissima Hills Water District
Project Title:	Taaffe/Elena/Moody Roads Water Main Replacement Project
Project Location:	Elena Road, Taaffe Road, Moody Road, Vista Del Valle Court, Old Snakey Road Los Altos Hills, CA 94022
Project Applicant:	Purissima Hills Water District

Project Description: The District is implementing water main replacements outlined in their Capital Improvement Program. These replacements, collectively called the “project,” includes the replacement of approximately 9,000 linear feet (LF) of existing water mains along Elena Road, Taaffe Road, Vista Del Valle Court, Old Snakey Road and Moody Road, in the town of Los Altos Hills. The majority of the proposed mains to be replaced are located within existing road rights-of-way. A short segment is proposed as a “cross-country” route across open land owned by the District to connect to the Elena Pump Station. Construction is expected to begin in December 2019 and continue until July/August of 2020.

The purpose of the project is to allow improved water flow from the Elena Pump Station to the Altamont tanks and will allow for overall system reliability in the event of an earthquake. Portions of the water main segments to be replaced are made of asbestos concrete, which is brittle and subject to severe damage during seismic events. Other segments consisting of cast iron pipe (CIP) will also be updated to ductile iron pipe (DIP) for increased reliability.

The District has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) finding that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect, because design features, best management practices, and mitigation measures incorporated into the project will avoid potentially significant impacts. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, District will provide this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Notice of Intent) to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the Santa Clara County Clerk. The District will provide this Notice of Intent to the public by mailing it to the name and address of all organizations and individuals who have requested such notice in writing and local agencies with interest in the project.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence August 21, 2019 and continue through September 19, 2019. No public meeting will be held. Interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document, which must be received by the District no later than 5:00 PM on September 19, 2019.

The District shall consider the IS/MND and all written comments received by the close of the comment period prior to deciding whether or not to adopt the IS/MND. If the District’s Board of Director’s determines based on the review of comments received on the proposed IS/MND, that there is no substantial evidence that the project would result in a significant environmental impact and no formal protest of the proposed IS/MND is filed, the IS/MND will be adopted on October 9, 2019. It should be noted that adoption of an IS/MND does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately as required by the District.