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**NOTICE OF INTENT**  
**TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**  
(Pursuant to PRC Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072)  
**AND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**MATELOT PIPELINE AND TURBIDITY STATION PROJECT**

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The Tuolumne Utilities District (TUD) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)(Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Matelot Pipeline and Turbidity Station Project (project). The project site is located approximately one mile north of the community of Columbia in Tuolumne County within Sections 1, 11, and 12, Township 2 North, and Range 14 East of the U.S. Geological Survey Columbia 7.5-minute quadrangle.

Project Description: The project would construct an 18-inch diameter raw water main up to 1,650 feet in length that would convey water from Matelot Reservoir to the Columbia Water Treatment Plant. The pipeline would generally run parallel to the existing open-channel Matelot Ditch and would carry a portion of the water that currently runs in the open ditch. The existing Matelot Ditch would still carry water at a reduced flow rate. A turbidity monitoring station would also be constructed on the Columbia Ditch near Matelot Reservoir and would consist of a small building (48 square feet) with sampling equipment.

Hearing: TUD's Board of Directors will hold a public hearing on Tuesday January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 2:00 pm at 18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora, CA to consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Public Comment: Written comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration and Draft Initial Study will be received from November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 to December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A copy of the documents can be reviewed at TUD's District Office at 18885 Nugget Blvd, Sonora, CA or online at [www.tudwater.com](http://www.tudwater.com). Requests for additional information and comments can be sent to Jennifer Batt, TUD Associate Engineer, at TUD's District Office or emailed to [jbatt@tudwater.com](mailto:jbatt@tudwater.com). Verbal comments may also be provided at the public hearing.

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