

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

(XX) Proposed
() Final

NAME OF PROJECT: Water System Improvements 2020

LOCATION: Calpine, Sierra County, California

Entity or Person Undertaking Project:

(XX) Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District No. 1
P.O. Box 25
Calpine, CA 96124

Other () Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The proposed project will augment both the water district's domestic water source capacity and storage capacity. The project includes the construction of a new public water supply well, the addition of a 140,000 gallon welded steel water storage tank, the construction of new iron, manganese, and arsenic water treatment system and the construction of approximately 1600 ft of associated pipeline to connect the new well to the treatment system and the existing distribution system.

The total area of disturbance includes approximately 0.5 acres.

Finding: It is hereby found that the above named project will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

Initial Study: An initial study of this project was undertaken and prepared in accordance with Section 15063 of the EIR Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act for the purpose of ascertaining whether this project might have a significant effect upon the environment. A copy of such initial study is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. Such initial study documents reasons to support the above finding.

Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects:

The Conservation Measures and Best Management Practices (BMPs) outlined below will avoid potential impacts to plant and/or wildlife and their habitats. Sierra County (Calpine) Waterworks District No. 1 (SCWWD1) has incorporated these Environmental Commitments and BMPs into the project design to minimize any water quality or biological impacts.

- SCWWD1 will have a qualified biologist conduct a pre-construction raptor and migratory bird survey during the nesting season no earlier than two weeks prior to the initiation of construction activities. Should any special-status birds be observed, SCWWD1 will immediately consult with the CDFW and USFWS to obtain guidance on minimizing any potential impact such as establishing a buffer zone around any active nest. Other special-status plant and animal species would be considered during the survey.
- Equipment used in the project will be clean of soil, seeds, vegetative material, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds of non-native invasive species.
- Proposed lay down sites will be located in disturbed or graded areas. All construction equipment and vehicular traffic will remain in graded areas and on the existing roadways.
- The amount of ground and vegetation disturbance in the construction areas will be minimized. All construction activities associated with the project will occur within the limits of the new well site, treatment facility, pipeline alignments and water storage tank in upland areas.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) will be incorporated into the project plans and specifications. On completion of the work, all areas will be left in a condition that would allow recolonization of natural vegetation, provide for proper drainage, and prevent erosion.

Date: 12.11.19 By: Salli Wise
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