



COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY (NOA) / NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY / MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
NORTH SHORE PIPELINE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines, County Staff prepared a Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that identifies and evaluates the environmental impacts of the North Shore Pipeline Replacement Project.

Project Title: North Shore Pipeline Replacement Project

Project No.: AP20180097

Project Location: State Route 38/North Shore Drive and North Shore Lane (approximate), Community of Bear Valley, San Bernardino County

Project Description: The project involves upgrading existing high-pressure natural gas pipeline infrastructure along North Shore Lane, North Shore Drive/State Route 38, and Stanfield Cutoff to increase the pressure and natural gas feed into the Big Bear area for the purpose of meeting existing and future demands. The proposed improvements would involve replacing the existing 6-inch high-pressure steel natural gas pipeline with an 8-inch high-pressure steel natural gas pipeline. Other lateral pipelines would also be upgraded. The existing natural gas pipelines would be abandoned in place and capped off, and new natural gas pipelines would be installed primarily by open trench excavation with some areas installed by horizontal directional drilling. The project would require an Encroachment Permit and Construction Permit from the County of San Bernardino; Encroachment Permit from the U.S. Forest Service and California Department of Transportation; Section 1602 Streambed Alteration Agreement from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; Construction Permit from the City of Big Bear Lake; and a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Construction General Permit and Waste Discharge Permit from the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Control Board.

Environmental Review and Public Comment: The circulation of the Draft IS/MND is to encourage written public comments. *Due to the current COVID-19 Pandemic and the closure of County Offices to public access, you may obtain the document in electronic format at <http://cms.sbcounty.gov/lus/Planning/Environmental/Mountain.aspx> or by emailing the Planner at Jim.Morrissey@lus.sbcounty.gov.* To request a PDF version of the document from the Land Use Services Department database, please reference the project number above.

The comment period for the IS/MND closes on **May 26, 2020 at 4:30 PM**. Please submit comments to the e-mail above or to:

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