

STANISLAUS COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources ("County") is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the proposed project identified below. The County has prepared an Initial Study (IS) to determine the environmental effects of the proposed project and finds issuance of a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) is appropriate. The County is making the IS/MND available for public review and comment for a period of 30 days, from and including May 21, 2020 to June 20, 2020. The document will be made available for viewing on the County Groundwater Resources webpage: <http://www.stancounty.com/er/groundwater/>

The County is seeking comments in your agencies area of expertise. All comments must be submitted in written form. Please indicate a contact person for your agency or organization when submitting comments.

Project Title: Well Application Nos. 19-72, 19-73, and 19-74 - Supplemental Wells at Pescadero Ranch

Project Location: The Project is located on Assessor's Parcel No. 016-010-003, located in northern Stanislaus County where Kasson Road intersects Maze Boulevard. The Project is located approximately 13 miles west of the City of Modesto and approximately 3 miles northeast of the unincorporated community of Vernalis.

Description of Project: The Project includes the installation and operation of three agricultural supply wells that will serve as a backup water supply during times of drought. Each well will be constructed in a 26-inch borehole to an approximate depth of 300 feet using 16-inch diameter steel casing and screen. Each well will be completed with a small concrete pad at the surface and fitted with electrical line-shaft turbine pump. Electrical service will be extended to each well location, and a fenced enclosure, measuring approximately 10 feet by 20 feet, may be constructed around each well.

The average annual groundwater demand for the Project is not expected to exceed 1,000 acre-feet per year. The peak anticipated groundwater demand from the Project is 1,300 acre-feet over a two month period during June and July. The estimated peak pumping rate for each well is 1,000 to 2,000 gallons per minute.

Signature: 
Walter Ward
Stanislaus County Water Resources Manager

Address to Submit Comments and Review the Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration:

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Review Period:
May 21, 2020 to June 20, 2020

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Day After End of Review Period.