LEBEC COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FRAZIER MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL/LEBEC COUNTY WATER DISTRICT WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Lebec County Water District (LCWD) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Frazier Mountain High School (FMHS) Water Supply Project. **Please note:** Under Executive Order N-29-20, all Board meetings will take place and be accessible telephonically or otherwise electronically to all members of the public. Public comments may be submitted via email to <u>lebecwater@att.net</u> or live via teleconference on Zoom. The regular Meeting of the Board of Director's will be held by the by teleconference on Tuesday November 10th, 2020 at 6:00 pm, via Zoom.com. Please go to the District's website for updates and log in information or contact the District's office at (661) 248-6872, Monday through Friday 8 am to 3:30 pm (closed for lunch 12-1 pm).

The proposed Project is needed to provide safe drinking water to existing customers. To meet water quality standards, LCWD is proposing to install two new storage tanks, a new well, and pipeline infrastructure connecting the well to the tanks. This proposed Project does not intend to expand water services to new areas within its' District, but to meet water quality standards. Specifically, the Project would annex the territory of FMHS, drill a new well, add two new water tanks, and connect these systems with 8 and 10-inch pipelines.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review on the District website, <u>www.lebecwater.com</u> or you may contact the District Office at (661) 248-6872, Monday through Friday 8 am to 3:30 pm. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on September 25, 2020 and end on October 26, 2020. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Dena Giacomini at Provost & Pritchard, 1800 30th Street, Suite 280, Bakersfield CA 93301, or at dgiacomini@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.