PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: Purissima Hills Water District

Project Title: Duval Way, Elena Road, Padre Court, Seton Property, and Josefa Lane

Water Main Improvements Project

Project Location: Duval Way, Elena Road, Padre Court, Seton Property, and Josefa Lane, Los

Altos Hills, CA 94022

Project Applicant: Purissima Hills Water District

Project Description: The Purissima Hills Water District (District) is implementing water main replacements outlined in their Capital Improvement Program. These replacements, collectively called the "project," includes the replacement of approximately 4,400 linear feet of existing water mains along Duval Way, Elena Road, Padre Court, the Seton Property, and Josefa Lane in the town of Los Altos Hills. The proposed mains to be replaced are located within existing road rights-of-way and an unpaved pathway. The purpose of the project is to replace these older water mains to reduce the frequency of leaks, improve fire service and coverage, and improve reliability of the water system after natural disasters. Construction is expected to begin in May 2022 and end January 2023.

The District has prepared an Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) finding that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect, because design features, best management practices, and mitigation measures incorporated into the project will avoid potentially significant impacts. The District is the Lead Agency for the project. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. The District will provide this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Notice of Intent) to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, and the Santa Clara County Clerk. The District will provide this Notice of Intent to the public though publication in the Los Altos Town Crier and by mailing it to the name and address of all organizations and individuals who have requested such notice in writing and local agencies with interest in the project.

Public Review Period: A 20-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence March 9, 2022 and continue through March 29, 2022. No public meeting will be held. Interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document, which must be received by the District no later than 5:00 PM on March 29, 2022.

The District shall consider the IS/MND and all written comments received by the close of the comment period prior to deciding whether or not to adopt the MND. If the District's Board of Director's determines based on the review of the IS/MND and comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the project would result in a significant environmental impact and no formal protest of the proposed IS/MND is filed, the IS/MND will be considered for adoption on April 13, 2022. It should be noted that adoption of an IS/MND does not constitute approval of the project under consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately as required by the District.

Document Availability: The document will be available for review on the Purissima Hills Water District website at www.Purissimawater.org. Copies of the IS/MND and all documents referenced in the IS/MND are available for review at the District's offices at 26375 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA, during normal

working hours. Comments on the draft IS/MND must be received by 5:00 P.M. on March 29, 2022 and shall be submitted in writing to:

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Purssima Hills Water District

Date