NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Fall River Valley Community Services District (FRVCSD) has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the FRVCSD Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at a special meeting on **Wednesday April 26, 2023**, with the session commencing at **6:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the District Office located at 24850 3rd Street, Fall River Mills, CA.

Project Applicant: Fall River Valley Community Services District

Project Title: Wastewater System Expansion Project

Project Location: The project is located within the unincorporated communities of Fall River Mills and McArthur in Shasta County. Improvements would occur throughout the community of McArthur; along and adjacent to the State Route (SR) 299 corridor, including within the Sierra Center Subdivision; at the FRVCSD Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP); and within the Country Club Subdivision. Improvements would also occur at Lift Station (LS) 1 (Bridge Street), LS 2 (Hospital), and LS 3 (River Street). See Figures 1 through 5 in the IS/MND.

The subject properties are not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities/sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Project Description: The project includes extending the FRVCSD wastewater collection system to various properties within the FRVCSD's service area. Improvements include installing several thousand feet of sewer pipe and appurtenant structures. Existing structures would be connected to the new sewer collection system. Septic tanks would be abandoned in accordance with Shasta County requirements.

Improvements would be made to existing LS 1 (Bridge Street), LS 2 (Hospital), and LS 3 (River Street), including replacing existing pumps, motors, electrical components, controls, and piping. Back-up level controls and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) equipment would be installed at LS 1, LS 2, and LS 3.

Improvements at the WWTP include constructing a new aeration pond inside one of the existing ponds, constructing a new building to house the aeration system equipment, installing a new self-cleaning mechanical screen in the existing concrete headworks, and replacing electronic sensors in the headworks to tie in to the SCADA system. An existing PG&E transformer adjacent to Reynolds Road would be replaced, and electrical conduit and conductors would be installed underground from the transformer to the WWTP. Additional details are included in Section 3.2 (Project Components/ Physical Improvements) of the IS/MND.

Information Availability: The IS/MND is available for review at the following location:

FRVCSD District Office, 24850 3rd St., Fall River Mills, CA *Monday through Thursday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM*

Electronic copies are available on the District's website: https://www.frvcsd.org/ and on the State Clearinghouse website (search for Fall River Valley Community Services District under Lead/Public Agency and select the Wastewater System Expansion project): https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/Search/Advanced

Public Review Period: The public review period starts on **March 9, 2023**, and ends on **April 10, 2023**. All interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments during the public review period or appear and present oral testimony at the meeting.

Comment Submittal: Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 4:00 PM on April 10, 2023.

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