

STAFF REPORT

Agency: Callayomi County Water District
Staff Contact: John Hamner, General Manager
Agenda Title: Adoption of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (ISMND) Environmental Document for the Big Canyon Well Project
Agenda Action: Approval of a resolution approving the ISMND

RECOMMENDED ACTION(S):

Approve the attached resolution approving the ISMND for the Big Canyon Well Project.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

Based on direction received from the Board and General Manager, Coastland Civil Engineering (District Engineer) has been in the process of preparing the bid documents for the final well installation at Big Canyon Well site. As part of the overall process required by the State Revolving Fund program that is funding the project, an environmental document was required to be prepared. WRA, a subconsultant to Coastland Civil Engineering, has prepared the environmental document for this project.

Based on what is involved in the project, WRA determined that the most appropriate environmental document for the project was a mitigated negative declaration. WRA prepared both an initial study and a mitigated negative declaration for the project (required by the State.) The document was completed and a Notice of Intent was published on May 30, 2017 to allow public comment and comments from governmental agencies. The comment period closed June 27, 2017. Two comments were received.

WRA has reviewed the comments received and has addressed them in the environmental document, as appropriate. The final document is being presented to you for your adoption. This document must be adopted and approved by the Board prior to the final submittal of the construction documents to the State on August 1, 2017.

If adopted by the Board, the General Manager will have a Notice of Determination filed with the County Clerk.

ALTERNATIVES:

None recommended

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution No. 17-18-01

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**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALLAYOMI COUNTY
WATER DISTRICT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
ADOPTING A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE BIG CANYON WATER WELL PROJECT**

WHEREAS, the Callayomi County Water District (“District”) conducted an Initial Environmental Study on the proposed Big Canyon Well Project (“Project”) located in unincorporated Lake County, California so as to determine whether to prepare a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or an Environmental Impact Report and, as part of that review, to evaluate the potential for this Project to cause an adverse effect, individually or cumulatively, on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Project, described more fully in that attached Staff Report, will install a new domestic water well, a control pump building, an access road from Big Canyon Road to the well site, and provide pipeline from the new well to tie into the District’s existing raw water main in Big Ranch Road adjacent to existing Well #1,; and

WHEREAS, the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration concluded that the Project’s effects can be mitigated to the extent that the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the District published a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration on May 30, 2017, circulated it to the appropriate agencies, and invited comments thereon until June 27, 2017; and

WHEREAS, two comments were received by the District during the public review period; and

WHEREAS, the District, as Lead Agency for this Project, desires to complete the environmental review process by adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) and filing the requisite Notice of Determination with the Lake County Clerk and the State Clearinghouse; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the District has reviewed the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and MMRP and analyzed the need for the proposed Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CALLAYOMI COUNTY WATER DISTRICT AS FOLLOWS:

1. The above recitals are true and correct and are hereby incorporated into this Resolution as findings of the Callayomi County Water District.
2. The Board of Directors hereby finds and declares that, based upon its independent judgement following review of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and MMRP and consideration of the record of the Project as a whole, there is no

substantial evidence before the District that the proposed Project will have a significant effect upon the environment.

3. The Board of Directors finds that the Project will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore adopts the Mitigated Negative Declaration and MMRP and approves the Project.
4. The Board specifies that the Secretary of the District is the custodian of the documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision to adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration is based, and that such documents will be located at the District's office located at 21282 Stewart St., Middletown, CA 95461.
5. The District's General Manager is authorized and directed to file a Notice of Determination promptly with the County Clerk of Lake County and the State Clearinghouse within five (5) days and to submit the California Department of Fish & Wildlife filing fee with the Notice of Determination to the Lake County Clerk and State Clearinghouse.
6. This Resolution shall become effective immediately.
7. All portions of this resolution are severable. Should any individual component of this Resolution be adjudged to be invalid and unenforceable by a body of competent jurisdiction, then the remaining resolution portions shall be and continue in full force and effect, except as to those resolution portions that have been adjudged invalid. The Board of Directors of the Callayomi County Water District hereby declares that it would have adopted this Resolution and each section, subsection, clause, sentence, phrase and other portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that one or more section subsection, clause sentence, phrase or other portion may be held invalid or unconstitutional.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of July, 2017 by the following votes of the Board of Directors:

AYES: Cordova, Hartnet, Giacomini

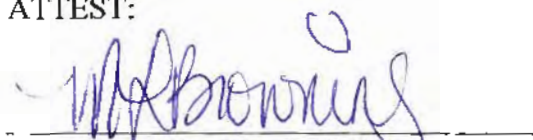
NOES:

ABSENT: Rayburn, Haynie



President, Board of Directors
Callayomi County Water District

ATTEST:



Secretary of the Board of Directors
Callayomi County Water District