

## MEMORANDUM

To: Alpine County Board of Supervisors

From: Samuel Booth, Director of Community Development  
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Date: 7/16/24

Subject: Project Boundaries Expansion - Addendum to Alpine County Wildfire Risk Mitigation Plan Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

### Introduction and Purpose

This document is an Addendum to the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration approved in February 2021 by the Alpine County Board of Supervisors (IS/MND) for the Diamond Valley 1, Diamond Valley 2, Manzanita 2, Markleevillage projects approved in February 2021 (herein referred to as the "Approved Projects"). This Addendum serves as the environmental review for a proposed modification to four project boundaries in the IS/MND. This Addendum has been prepared pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et. seq. and the State CEQA Guidelines.

This Addendum documents that none of the conditions described in CEQA Section 21166 or CEQA Guidelines Sections 15162 or 15164 calling for preparation of a subsequent or supplemental EIR have occurred. Pursuant to the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines, Alpine County is the lead agency charged with the responsibility of deciding whether or not to approve the proposed action. This Addendum analyzes the proposed minor changes to the Approved Project.

### Project Description

#### LOCATION AND SETTING

The proposed project locations are located within Alpine County, near Woodfords and Markleeville, CA.

#### PROPOSED PROJECT

The proposed modification to the approved project is the addition of 100.9 acres of land adjacent to current approved projects. The approved projects gaining acreage are as follows: Diamond Valley 2 (13.202 acres), Diamond Valley 1 (70.848 acres), Manzanita 2 (2.43 acres), Markleevillage (14.503 acres). Please see attachment A for a map of project additions.

### Standard for Preparation of an Addendum

Pursuant to Section 21166, *Subsequent or Supplement Impact Report; Conditions*, of CEQA and Section 15162, *Subsequent EIRs and Negative Declarations*, of the State CEQA Guidelines, when an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been certified for a project,

no subsequent EIR or negative declaration shall be prepared for the project unless the lead agency determines that one or more of the following conditions are met:

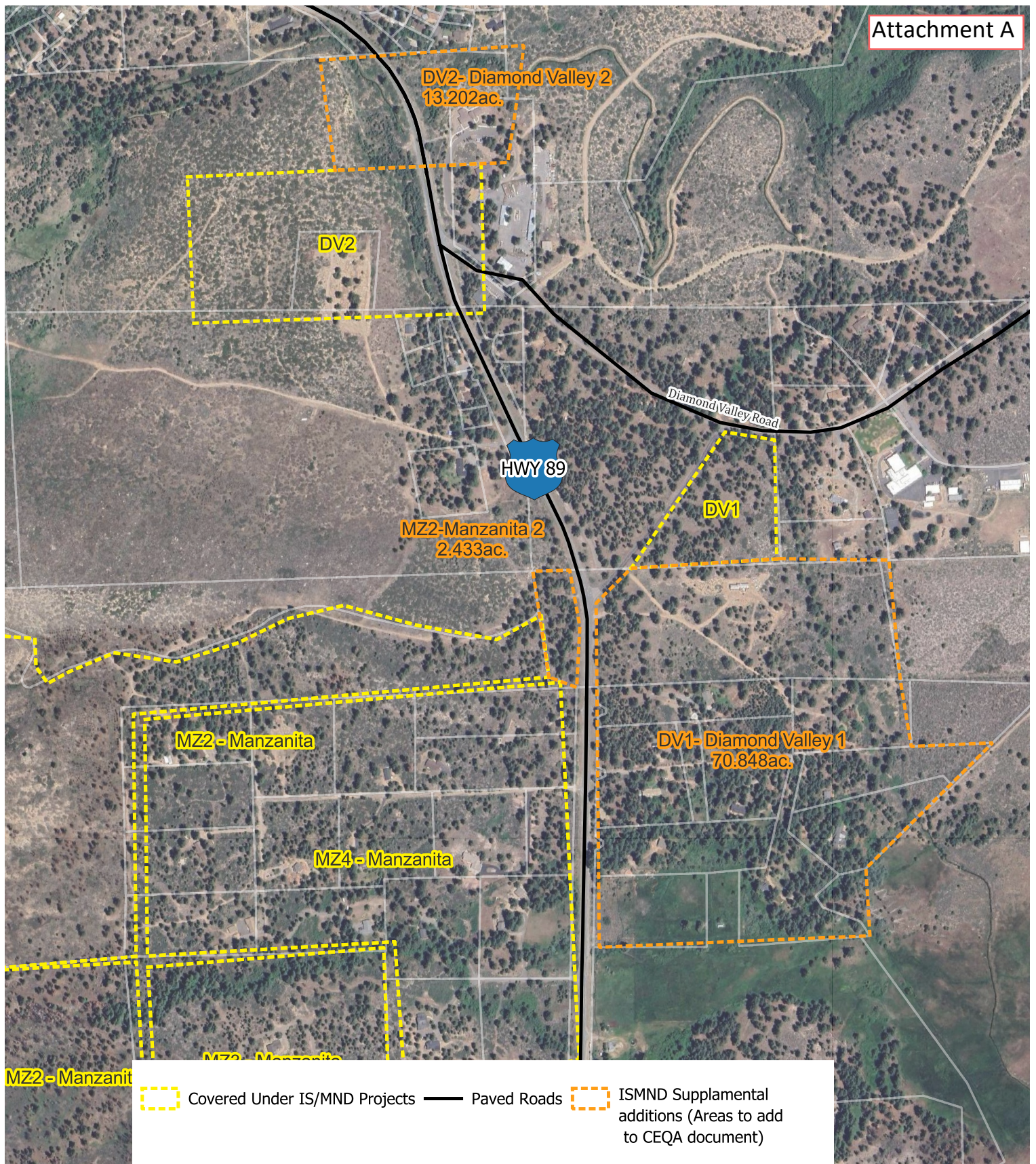
- Substantial project changes are proposed that will require major revisions of the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects.
- Substantial changes would occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken that require major revisions to the previous EIR due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects; or
- New information of substantial importance that was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified was adopted shows any of the following:
  - The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR.
  - Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than identified in the previous EIR.
  - Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponent declines to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives.
  - Mitigation measures or alternatives that are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponent declines to adopt the mitigation measures or alternatives.

Where none of the conditions specified in Section 15162 are present,<sup>1</sup> the lead agency must determine whether to prepare an Addendum or whether no further CEQA documentation is required (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162[b]). An Addendum is appropriate where some minor technical changes or additions to the previously certified EIR or IS/MND are necessary, but there are no new or substantially more severe significant impacts (CEQA Guidelines Section 15164, *Addendum to an EIR or Negative Declaration*).

## **Recommendation**

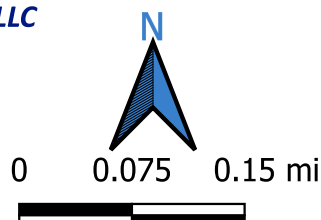
In accordance with the CEQA Guidelines, the staff has determined that an Addendum to the approved IS/MND is the appropriate environmental document for the Modified Project. This Addendum reviews the changes proposed by the Modified Project and examines whether, as a result of any changes or new information, a subsequent MND may be required. This examination includes an analysis pursuant to the provisions of Section 21166 of CEQA and Section 15162 of the State CEQA Guidelines concerning their applicability to the Modified Project.





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## **Locations of Current WRMP PTAs**

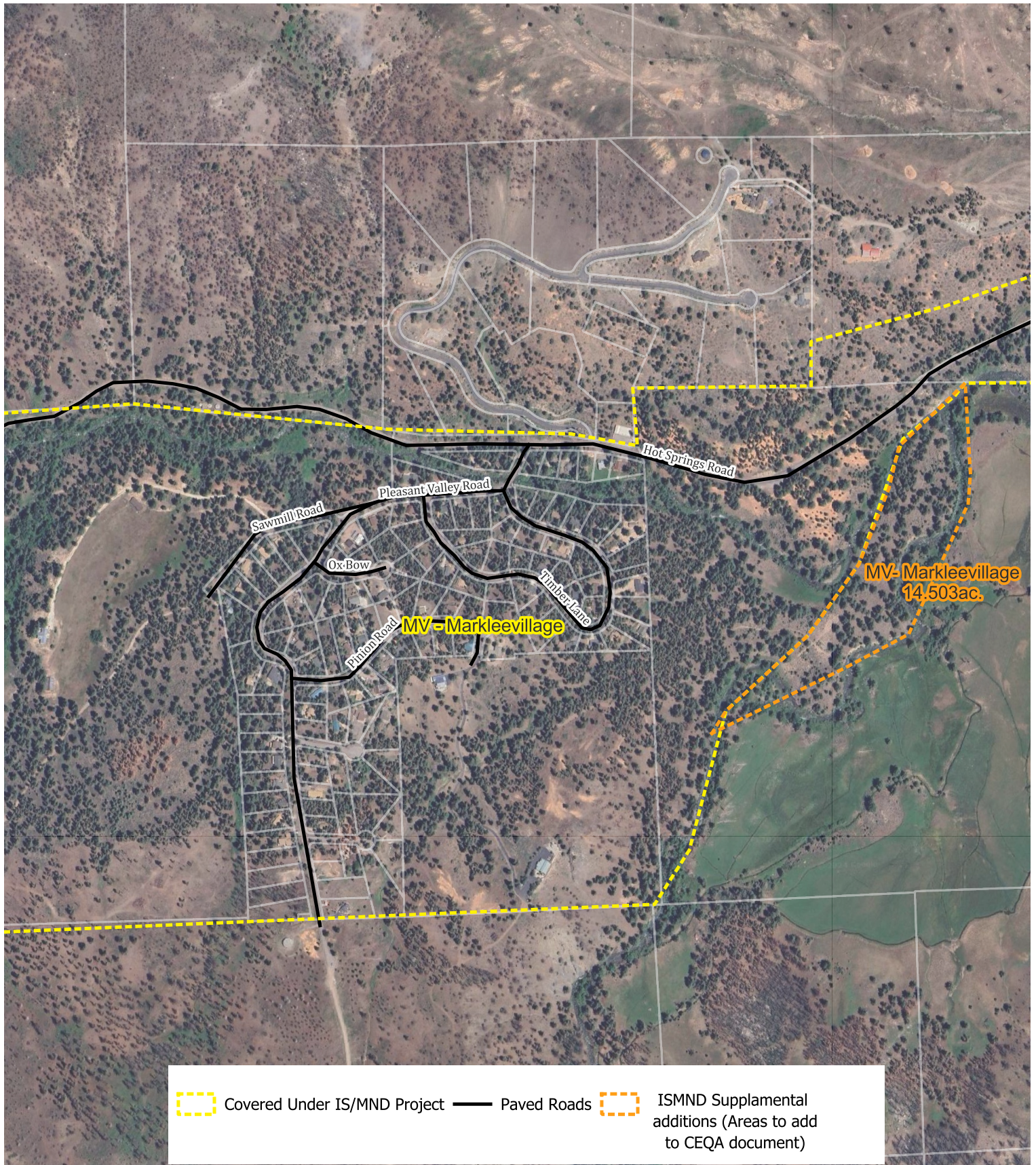
Project:

**Alpine County, California**

Client:

**Alpine County**





Covered Under IS/MND Project
 Paved Roads
 ISMND Supplemental additions (Areas to add to CEQA document)

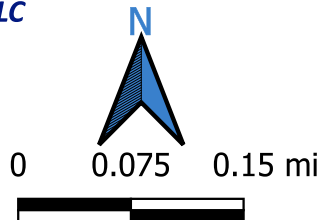
Project CRS: NAD83 / UTM zone 10N

Map Source: Google Maps

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