

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO:

Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate
Innovation, State Clearinghouse
1400 Tenth Street, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812

FROM:

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
1001 I Street 16th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER: 2023030217

PROJECT NUMBER: 8171-210

DOCUMENT TITLE: Wastewater System Expansion Project (Project)

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project is in the unincorporated communities of Fall River Mills and McArthur, in Shasta County, California.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is a Responsible Agency for the Project. The State Water Board is funding the Project referred to internally as Wastewater System Expansion Project. The Project includes installation of 5,200 feet of gravity collection sewers, 7,400 feet of pressurized force main and appurtenant facilities, and abandonment of existing septic tanks. Improvements will be made to existing Lift Station (LS) 1 (Bridge Street), LS 2 (Hospital), and LS 3 (River Street), including replacing existing pumps, motors, electrical components, controls, and piping., and improvements at the existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). Improvements at the existing WWTP include the construction of a new aeration pond within an existing pond, constructing a new building to house aeration system equipment, installing a new self-cleaning mechanical screen in the existing concrete headworks, and replacing electronic sensors in the headworks to tie into the supervisory control and data acquisition system. Additionally, an existing Pacific Gas & Electric transformer adjacent to Reynolds Road would be replaced, and electrical conduit and conductors would be installed underground from the transformer to the existing WWTP.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING PROJECT AND CARRYING OUT PROJECT: The State Water Board has considered the Mitigated Negative Declaration as prepared by the Lead Agency. The State Water Board has approved financing for the Project described above on June 5, 2025. The Fall River Valley Community Services District will be carrying out the Project. The State Water Board has made the following California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) determinations regarding the Project:

1. The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment. The Project will not have a significant effect on water quality impacts. This determination is limited to effects on water quality under the State Water Board's jurisdiction as a Responsible Agency.
2. A Mitigated Negative Declaration was prepared and adopted for the Project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures were made a condition of approval of the Project.
4. A mitigation monitoring and reporting plan/program was/was not adopted for the Project.
5. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not adopted for the Project.
6. Findings were made pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15091.

LEAD AGENCY: Fall River Valley Community Services District

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Records of the financing approval and an analysis of environmental alternatives for the Project are available to the general public upon request at the State Water Board, Division of Financial Assistance at 1001 I Street, 16th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814. The Mitigated Negative Declaration is available from the Lead Agency.

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