# MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE COMUNIDAD NUEVO LAGO MOBILE HOME PARK SEWER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Malaga County Water District (District) plans to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park (MHP) Sewer Consolidation Project (Project). The public hearing to consider the Project is scheduled to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 6:00 pm, in the District Board Room located at 3580 S. Frank Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725.

The Project proposes to construct a new lift station at the MHP, a new force main from the MHP to the MCWD Sphere of Influence (SOI) boundary at American Ave and Chestnut Ave, and a gravity sewer main as master planned to the point of connection with the existing MCWD sewer collection system. This includes extending the 15-inch sewer main in Maple Avenue from the WWTF to Malaga Avenue, a 12-inch sewer main in Malaga Avenue from Maple to Chestnut, then south in Chestnut to American Avenue. The existing 6-inch sewer main in Malaga Avenue would be abandoned. Extension of the 12-inch diameter pipeline in Malaga Avenue would also allow for the connection of several properties that are presently served by septic tanks and leach fields. Similarly, extension of the new 12-inch sewer main in Chestnut Avenue south of Malaga would include the elimination of the existing pipeline and relocation of the existing services to the new sewer main. The Project would also include improvements to the existing MCWD WWTF. This includes demolishing the equipment in the Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) basin, installing one recirculating pump in the 3rd aeration basin, installing oil and grease removal in grit chamber, modifying the air piping, installing recirculation flow meter and sludge flow meters, removal of berms between disposal pond 1, 2 and 5, replacing one influent pump, replacing one blower, and constructing new circular clarifiers. Once the connection to the MCWD is completed, the existing MHP WWTF would be properly demolished.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of possible environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this Project and has determined that they will be less than significant. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the District Board Room, 3580 S. Frank Avenue, Fresno, CA 93725. The public review period during which the District will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on September 26, 2025, and end on October 27, 2025. Comments should be in writing, and addressed to Ryan McKelvey at Provost & Pritchard, 455 W. Fir Ave, Clovis, CA 93611 or at rmckelvey@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as a hazardous waste or materials site.