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Notice of Determination

Appendix D

To:

☐ Office of Planning and Research

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Street Address: 1400 Tenth St., Rm 113, Sacramento, CA 95814

☒ County Clerk
County of: Fresno
Address: 2221 Kern Street
Fresno, CA 93721

From:
Public Agency: Malaga County Water District
Address: 3580 S. Frank Ave
Fresno, CA 93725
Contact: Charles Garabedian
Phone: (559) 485-7353

Lead Agency (if different from above):
Malaga County Water District
Address: 3580 S. Frank Ave
Fresno, CA 93725
Contact: Charles Garabedian
Phone: (559) 485-7353

SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.

State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse): 2025091351

Project Title: Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park Sewer Consolidation Project

Project Applicant: Malaga County Water District

Project Location (include county): Fresno County

Project Description:

See attached Project Description.

FILED
NOV 18 2025
TIME 10:36am
FRESNO COUNTY CLERK
By _____ DEPUTY

This is to advise that the Malaga County Water District (☒ Lead Agency or ☐ Responsible Agency) has approved the above described project on 11/13/2025 (date) and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

1. The project [☐ will ☒ will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2. ☐ An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
   ☒ A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. Mitigation measures [☒ were ☐ were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [☒ was ☐ was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [☐ was ☒ was not] adopted for this project.
6. Findings [☐ were ☒ were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the final EIR with comments and responses and record of project approval, or the negative Declaration, is available to the General Public at:
Malaga County Water District - located at 3580 S. Frank Ave, Fresno, CA 93725

Signature (Public Agency): _____ Title: PRESIDENT

Date: 11/13/2025 Date Received for filing at OPR: _____

Authority cited: Sections 21083, Public Resources Code.
Reference Section 21000-21174, Public Resources Code.

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Project Description

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. Extension of the gravity sewer line would allow for service of the area without the requirement for existing private lift stations which serve a few properties along the proposed pipeline route. Extension of the new 12-inch pipeline in Malaga Avenue would include the abandoning the existing 6-inch sewer main in Malaga Avenue and connection of the existing services to the new sewer main. 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 6-inch 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 need to be properly demolished.

The proposed force main would be four (4) inches in diameter and approximately 4,000 linear feet (LF) long. The force main will include crossing of two Fresno Irrigation District Canals (Oleander Canal and Washington Colony Canal) by either jack and bore or directional drilling. The 15-inch gravity sewer main would be approximately 2,300 LF. The 12-inch gravity sewer main would be approximately 5,300 LF. The design includes twenty (20), 4-ft diameter manholes along the gravity sewer main alignment.

Consolidation Process

The Project would not require MCWD to update its SOI and annex the MHP. While the MHP is outside of the MCWD SOI and service area, MCWD would be willing to enter into an Outside Agency Service Agreement (Agreement) pursuant to Government Code Section 56133.

Operations during Construction

Impacts to both treatment plants operations would need to be minimized during construction. This would be primarily accomplished by effective scheduling of work activities, with some temporary bypass of flows.

Installation of pipelines, absent the final connections to the existing systems and discharges to the MCWD WWTF, would be completed concurrently with other tasks. Traffic control, dust control, and worker protection would be accomplished throughout the duration of construction so as to minimize impacts to the MHP, MCWD, and the public. Detours of traffic and exclusion of pedestrians from the work area are routinely managed by construction contractors and would be coordinated with the MHP and MCWD for work affecting the respective facilities.

It is a basic requirement that each downstream portion of the improvements be completed prior to upstream components being placed into service:

- MCWD WWTF disposal ponds must be ready to receive treated wastewater for disposal prior to the MCWD WWTF discharge pipeline being placed in service.
- MCWD WWTF process improvements must be complete to ensure wastewater discharges meet WDRs prior to receiving flows from the MHP.
- The MCWD gravity pipeline needs to be completed and ready to receive flows prior to the MHP force main receiving flows from the MHP lift station. Diversion of the MHP collection system to the new lift station can only take place after all prior portions of the project are complete.
- The MHP collection system must be connected to the new lift station prior to decommissioning and demolition of MHP WWTF and ponds.

The MHP lift station would be sited in a manner such that it can be completed offline from the collection system without impacting the operation of the existing plant. On completion of the lift station, a manhole would be constructed to intercept the collection system upstream of the MHP WWTF. When all downstream components are complete, flows would be diverted and the MHP collection system connection to the MHP WWTF would be severed. Decommissioning of the MHP WWTF would then proceed.

The effluent disposal facilities improvements at the MCWD WWTF, consisting of the pond modifications, can take place concurrently with work at the MHP and other areas in the Fresno County right-of-way (ROW).

Improvements and repairs within the plant, such as replacement of an influent screw pump, replacement of a blower, addition of a recirculation pump, modifications to the anoxic basin, and installation of clarifiers can be accomplished by utilizing existing redundancy in the facilities to isolate work areas or installation of temporary bypass piping and pumping.

The new circular clarifiers would need to be sited outside the footprint of the existing plant and connection of piping coordinated with the treatment plant operator to minimize disruption to the operation of the rectangular clarifiers, at least one of which would need to remain in service throughout.

Construction Schedule
Construction is anticipated over approximately 24 months. Generally, construction would occur between the hours of 6 am and 6 pm, Monday through Saturday, excluding holidays. Construction would require temporary staging and storage of materials and equipment onsite.

Equipment
Construction equipment would likely include excavators, backhoes, graders, loaders, saws, compactors, hauling trucks, and water trucks.

Operation and Maintenance
The newly installed gravity sewers and all infrastructure within the MCWD existing boundaries would be owned, operated, and maintained by MCWD. The MHP sewer collection system upstream of the lift station would remain the responsibility of the MHP. The lift station would be situated on MHP property, leaving the MHP responsible for its operation and maintenance.

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RESOLUTION NO. 11-13-2025A

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT

ADOPTION OF A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND MITIGATION MONITORING AND REPORTING PROGRAM FOR THE COMUNIDAD NUEVO LAGO MOBILE HOME PARK SEWER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT (SCH NO. 2025091351)

WHEREAS, Malaga County Water District (MCWD or District) prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park Sewer Consolidation Project ("Project"), (SCH No. 2025091351) in accordance with requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the CEQA Guidelines; and

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, on September 25, 2025, MCWD filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt an IS/MND with the Fresno County Clerk, said NOI advertised a 30-day review and comment period starting on September 26, 2025, and ending on October 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the IS/MND was delayed in posting to the State Clearinghouse Portal for review by State agencies. Due to this delay, the comment period was extended to end on October 29th, 2025. Still no comment letters were received by the end of the extended comment period; and

WHEREAS, said NOI indicated that MCWD intended to consider said IS/MND at a regular meeting on November 13, 2025; and

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WHEREAS, no comment letters were received during the public review and comment period; and

WHEREAS, based upon the IS/MND and the record, the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse impact on environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, the matter was considered at a regularly scheduled meeting on November 13, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board believes the approval of the IS/MND will be in the best interest of the District's landowners and water users.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District that:

1. That the forgoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated by this reference herein as though fully set forth at this point.

2. The Board of Directors of the Malaga County Water District finds, based upon the entire record including documentary and oral evidence received at the public hearing; and exercising their independent judgment, approves and adopts the IS/MND including the mitigation monitoring and reporting program for the Comunidad Nuevo Lago Mobile Home Park Sewer Consolidation Project as attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference as Attachment A.

3. The President or Vice-President of MCWD is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary Notice of Determination to be filed with the Fresno County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 13th day of November 2025.

AYES: 5

NOES: Ø

ABSENT: Ø

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Charles Garabedian, Jr., President
Malaga County Water District

ATTEST:

Norma Melendez,
Secretary of the Board of Directors
Malaga County Water District

State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife

2025 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE CASH RECEIPT

DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/25) Previously DFG 753.5a

	RECEIPT NUMBER: E202510000237
SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.	STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER *(if applicable)* 2025091351

LEAD AGENCY	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	RMCKELVEY@PPENG.COM	11/18/2025
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING		DOCUMENT NUMBER
FRESNO COUNTY		E202510000237

PROJECT TITLE

COMMUNIDAD NUEVO LAGO MOBILE HOME PARK SEWER CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER
MALAGA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT	RMCKELVEY@PPENG.COM		
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE
3580 S FRANK AVE	FRESNO	CA	93725

PROJECT APPLICANT *(Check appropriate box)*

☐ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☒ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

☐	Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	$4,123.50	$ 0.00
☒	Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND)	$2,968.75	$ 2,968.75
☒	Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW	$1,401.75	$ 0.00

☐ Exempt from fee

- ☐ Notice of Exemption (attach)
- ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)

☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐	Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only)	$850.00	$ 0.00
☒	County documentary handling fee	$50.00	$ 50.00
☐	Other		$ 0.00

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 210589 **TOTAL RECEIVED** $ **3,018.75**

SIGNATURE	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE
X	Cierra Loera Deputy Clerk

ORIGINAL - PROJECT APPLICANT | COPY - CDFW/ASB | COPY - LEAD AGENCY | COPY - COUNTY CLERK | DFW 753.5a (Rev. 01012025)

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Description	Fee
EIR Administrative Fee	
Time Recorded: 10:35 AM	
Recording Fee:	$50.00
Total Amount Due	$50.00
Total Paid	
Check Tendered #210589	$50.00
Amount Due	$0.00

THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE

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EIR - Negative Declaration	
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Total Amount Due	$2,968.75
Total Paid	
Check Tendered #210589	$2,968.7
Amount Due	$0.00

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