NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Madera Subbasin Recharge Project 2
Project Location: Unincorporated Madera County
Lead Agency: Madera County
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Date: December 1, 2025

Announcement

Madera County has issued a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Madera Subbasin Recharge Project 2 (Project). The proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) and supporting Initial Study prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is available for public review and comment between December 1 and December 30, 2025. Consideration of adoption of the MND and approval of the Project is not yet scheduled. The MND can be viewed at the Madera County Planning Division at the above address, and is available electronically upon request to the Madera County Planning Division by contacting Jamie Bax by email at jamie.bax@maderacounty.com or by phone at (559) 675-7821.

To ensure consideration prior to adoption of the MND, comments must be submitted to the County by no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 30, 2025. When submitting comments, please provide your name, address, telephone number, and email address. Comment letters can be mailed in hard copy or can be submitted by email, either in the body of an email or as an attachment (PDF format is preferred for email attachments). Please send your comments on the MND to:

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Project Summary

The Project would divert and recharge flood flows from the Chowchilla Bypass. The Project consists of conveyance components and recharge areas that would recharge flood waters when available. Flood waters from the Bypass would be diverted through an existing Point of Diversion and would be conveyed to a new pump station and conveyance pipelines for distribution to properties for groundwater recharge. The proposed conveyance facilities and recharge lands are located approximately 6 miles northeast of the community of Firebaugh within assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 041-260-001, 041-260-002, 041-260-003, 041-260-004, 041-032-001, 041-032-002, 041-092-003, 041-092-004, 041-041-001, 041-042-001, 041-101-001, 041-102-001, 041-042-002, 041-102-002, 041-171-002, and 041-231-012. The MND includes a CEQA Initial Study evaluating the potential effects of the project and concluding that with implementation of mitigation the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment.