

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO
ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION BY THE
FALL RIVER VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fall River Valley Community Services District (FRVCSD) has prepared an Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project described herein. Based on preliminary analysis, the FRVCSD Board of Directors will consider adopting the MND at a regular meeting on **April 15, 2026**, with the session commencing at **6:00 PM**, or as soon thereafter as possible, at the District Office located at 24850 3rd Street, Fall River Mills, CA.

Project Applicant: Fall River Valley Community Services District

Project Title: Water System Improvements Project

Project Location: The project is located within the unincorporated communities of Fall River Mills and McArthur in northeastern Shasta County. Water distribution system improvements would occur within public road rights-of-way (ROWs) and public utility easements, and on District-owned property. The elevated water tank site is located generally south of the intersection of State Route (SR) 299 and McArthur Road in McArthur. The Country Club Booster Pump Station/Fall River Mills Well No. 2 site is located southeast of the intersection of SR 299 and Country Club Drive. The McArthur Well No. 2 site is located ~0.2 miles east of Lewis Road and ~0.5 miles north of Williams Road. See *Figures 1 and 2 in the IS/MND*. The subject properties are not included on any list of hazardous waste facilities/sites pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

Project Description: The proposed project includes improvements to the Fall River Valley Community Services District's (FRVCSD) water system. Improvements include replacing approximately ~16,000 feet of water main, isolation valves, and fire hydrants in Fall River Mills; replacing ~492 water meters throughout the District's service area; and installing supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system components throughout the District's water system.

Improvements associated with the Fall River Mills Well No. 2 include rerouting the existing piping between the existing water storage tanks and the existing well. Improvements at the existing Country Club Booster Pump Station site include abandoning the existing booster pump station facilities, including the hydropneumatic tank, and constructing a new booster pump station and appurtenant facilities. An existing pressure reducing valve (PRV) would be either modified or replaced with a supervisory valve within an existing underground vault adjacent to State Route 299, immediately east of the Fall River Mills Airport.

A new 250,000-gallon elevated water storage tank would be constructed in McArthur. The tank would be 44 feet in diameter at its widest section and 160 feet in height. A test well (to be referred to as McArthur Well No. 2) would be converted into a permanent well; the improvements include installing a new well building, pumps and motors, piping, and instrumentation and controls. See *Section 3.0, Project Description, in the IS/MND for more information*.

Information Availability: The Initial Study and proposed MND are available for review at the following location:

Fall River Valley CSD Office, 24850 3rd Street, Fall River Mills, CA 96028
Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Electronic copies are available on the District's website: <https://www.frvcsd.org/> and on the State Clearinghouse website (search for Fall River Valley Community Services District under Lead/Public Agency and select the Water System Improvements project): <https://ceqanet.lci.ca.gov/Search/Advanced>

Public Review Period: The public review period starts on **February 26, 2026**, and ends on **March 27, 2026**.

Comment Submittal: Written comments regarding the IS/MND may be sent by mail or email to the following address. Comments must be received by 4:00 PM on **March 27, 2026**.

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