

**Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration
for Lake Arrowhead Community Services District's
Two-Mile Groundwater Wells Project**

The Lake Arrowhead Community Services District (LACSD or District), acting in the capacity of Lead Agency, has filed a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Two-Mile Groundwater Wells Project (Project). This document has been prepared in accordance with, and pursuant to, the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as amended; California Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.; the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act" (State CEQA Guidelines), California Code of Regulation, Title 14, Chapter 15000 et seq, and LACSD Lead Agency's Guidelines for Implementing CEQA. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15072, this notice is to provide the public and interested parties an opportunity to review and comment on the proposed Draft MND for the above-referenced Project.

To augment available groundwater supplies for LACSD's service area, LACSD proposes to purchase 2.56 acres of land from Totem Pole Group Inc. The 2.56 acres of land to be purchased by LACSD represents the Project site, which is located at 341 State Highway 173, Lake Arrowhead, California, and is outside of the LACSD water service area but within the LACSD sewer service area and sphere of influence. Purchase of the land by LACSD would include the water rights associated with the Project site.

As part of the Project, LACSD would drill, construct, develop, and test two potable water supply wells and would develop an associated waterline, holding tank, and small water treatment facility building at the Project site. The proposed on-site waterline would connect to an existing off-site waterline in State Route 173 just north of the Project site. Prior to drilling the wells, LACSD would abandon an existing on-site sewer line in the vicinity of the proposed well locations.

A copy of the Draft MND is available for review at LACSD's office located at 27307 Hwy 189, Blue Jay, CA 92317 during normal working hours. The Draft MND is also posted at the District's website at www.lakearrowheadcsd.gov/document_center/index.php#outer-222sub-240 under the "Engineering" tab and then under the "California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)" tab. The Draft MND will be available for public review and comment from February 27, 2026 through March 30, 2026, for a period of 30 days, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15073. Please direct your written comments to the following contact via email or mail with attention to "Two-Mile Groundwater Wells Project" by no later than 4 p.m. on March 30, 2026:

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On April 28, 2026, LACSD will hold a Board meeting to discuss and possibly adopt the Project. The technical and environmental issues related to this Project may be discussed at this meeting. If you submit comments and provide an email address or physical address, you will be notified of the meeting date. Please contact Ryan Gross if you have questions regarding LACSD's review process for considering the Draft MND.