



NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY of a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: Talley Recharge Project
Project Location: Unincorporated Madera County
Lead Agency: Madera County
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Announcement

Madera County has prepared a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Talley Recharge Project (Project). The proposed MND and supporting Initial Study have been prepared for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) are available for public review and comment between March 12 and April 11, 2026. 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 April 11, 2026. 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 construct a new point of diversion and intake/fish screen structure on the Eastside Bypass, a pump station, and an approximately 3,400-foot conveyance pipeline to divert flood flows to a dedicated 5-acre recharge basin and to approximately 160 acres of farmland for the purposes of groundwater recharge when flood waters are available. The Project is located in western Madera County west of State Route 99 and south of State Route 152, and is more particularly located on the north side of Avenue 18½ between the Chowchilla Canal and the Eastside Bypass within assessor parcel numbers (APNs) 021-130-004 and 021-140-019. The MND includes a CEQA Initial Study evaluating the potential effects of the Project and concluding that, with implementation of mitigation measures identified in the Initial Study, the Project would not have a significant effect on the environment.

