

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: August 28, 2026
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations
SUBJECT: **City of Jackson – Water Tank Replacement Project**

The City of Jackson (City) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Water Tank Replacement Project (Project). The City has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The Project is located north of Kennedy Mine Road, northeast of State Route 49, and southwest of Jackson Gate Road. The approximately 5.51-acre Project Area corresponds to a portion of Sections 17 and 20, Township 6 North, and Range 11 east (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) of the Jackson, California 7.5-minute quadrangle. The approximate center of the project area is located at 38.36774° latitude and -120.788804° longitude within the Upper Mokelumne Watershed.

Project Description: The Project proposes to replace the Martell water storage reservoir (Martell Reservoir/Clearwell). The 1.3-million-gallon Martell Reservoir/Clearwell was built in the 1970s and is antiquated infrastructure that no longer meets current design standards and is in a state of disrepair. The reservoir will be replaced with two (1.3 million gallon) water storage tanks and new inlet and outlet piping will be installed to and from the new tanks and connect to existing fill and distribution pipes. All equipment from the water treatment plant will be demolished or salvaged as part of the Project. The existing building will be protected in place for continued use by the City for non-water system operations. A new building will be constructed for water system operations near the new tanks. The existing reservoir will be demolished to make room for the new tanks. The site will be re-graded to accommodate the new tanks and portions of the access road will be re-graded to improve site access for large vehicles. Grading improvements and valve replacements will be completed to improve site drainage.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, paleontological resources, noise, and tribal cultural resources were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, the City acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting August 28, 2026 and ending September 28, 2026**. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

ci.jackson.ca.us.

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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