

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT/NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY

City of Ukiah, California

Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) New Municipal Well Project

The City of Ukiah (City) is releasing a Public Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) on the City's Proposed New Municipal Well Project (Proposed Project). A copy of the IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at <https://cityofukiah.com/ceqa-review/>. This IS/MND document has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The City is the lead agency under CEQA.

Project Location, Purpose, and Description: The Proposed Project is located within the City of Ukiah on lands owned by the City, located approximately 1,500 feet southeast of the City of Ukiah Municipal Airport at/near the intersection of Nygard Lane and Highway 101. Specifically, the subject parcels are located approximately 722 feet east of the Ukiah Municipal Airport within the Airport Industrial Park Planned Development, which is designated for 'Manufacturing' land use. The project area includes two assessor parcels (APN 180-110-12 and APN 180-120-15). APN 180-110-12 is a vacant, undeveloped property, while APN 180-120-15 is an existing vineyard parcel currently in agricultural use, but also subject to the same manufacturing land use designation. Both parcels are situated along a former railroad corridor and are located to the north of the US 101 overpass at Norgard Lane (County Road #211).

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to construct a new well with a capacity of approximately 600 to 1,000 gallons per minute (gpm) to help the City maintain and continue to provide its existing customers with safe and reliable water supply. The Proposed Project would consist of construction and operation of a new municipal water well within an enclosed building approximately 20-feet by 40-feet by 10-feet high, which would occur in five phases. The first phase would be the construction of a test well to determine the potential capacity of the well and to test for water quality of the aquifer. If the capacity of the well and the water quality meet Health Department standards, then the second phase for drilling and developing the well. This phase would drill the well hole and install blank and louvered casing to the necessary depths for the well. The third phase would be the installation of the pump and motor equipment. This would include the construction/installation of a drive motor, discharge line, sand separator, building, fencing, site lighting, electrical equipment and other site improvements. The fifth and last phase would be the construction of a 12-inch transmission line that would run to the north and south along the railroad for approximately 1,500-feet and tie into the City's existing 12-inch groundwater transmission line. The pipeline would be trenched and buried approximately 3-feet deep below the existing ground surface. The new well will help provide water supply and pressure requirements for the area.

Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant environmental effects that were addressed in the Public Draft IS/MND include, but are not limited to aesthetics, agricultural resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal resources, hydrology/water quality, and traffic and transportation, among others. All of the potentially significant environmental impacts were found to be avoided or result in less than significant impacts with the incorporation of mitigation measures. Reviewers should focus on the content and accuracy of the Draft IS/MND in discussing potential impacts upon the environment and the mitigation measures.

Public Review Period: The Public Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period, starting from **February 21 through March 24, 2025**. Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Written comments need to be delivered to the City, at the address listed below or by e-mail, by **no later than 5 p.m. on March 24, 2025**. This document will be

available for a 30-day public review period, during which written comments may be submitted to the following address:

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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Sean White above. Copies of the IS/MND are also available for review at the addresses below:

City of Ukiah, Public Works Administration
300 Seminary Avenue
Ukiah, CA 95482

Main Branch Library
105 North Main Street
Ukiah, CA 95482