

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 limits on a vacant parcel that is owned by the City, located approximately 410 Talmage Road (APN# 003-150-40).

The purpose of the Proposed Project is to construct a new well with a capacity of approximately 600 to 1,000 gpm to help the City maintain and continue to provide its existing customers with safe, reliable, and redundant water supply. The Proposed Project would be constructed entirely on City owned property and would be of similar look, color, and size to the other City's four (4) existing wells. The Proposed Project's building would be located on a paved pad that would be approximately 150-feet by 150-feet and fenced with a locking gate. 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 four 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 California's drinking water standards, then the second phase would be 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, sand separator, as well as the construction of the building, fencing, site lighting, electrical equipment and other site improvements. The fourth and last phase would be the construction of a 12-inch transmission line that would run to the west for approximately 25-feet and tie into the City's existing 6-inch water transmission line in Waugh Lane. 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. Any damages to existing access roadways and fencing during construction will be returned to pre-construction conditions or better.

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 **April 20 through May 21, 2026**. 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 May 21, 2026**. 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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Ukiah, CA 95482
Jawalker@cityofukiah.com

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Jared Walker 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