

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

- Project Name:** Palomino Estates Water System Improvements
- Date of Preparation:** July 6, 2022
- Lead Agency:** State Water Resources Control Board
- Project Description:** The project would implement water treatment, storage and distribution improvements to the existing community of Palomino Estates. Project elements would occur within existing right of way or replace existing facilities.
- Project Location:** Palomino Estates, easterly of Benbow, Humboldt County, CA
- Findings:**
- With the incorporation of mitigation measures, this project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, nor to curtail the diversity of the environment.
  - This project will not have a detrimental effect upon either short-term or long-term environmental goals.
  - This project will not have impacts that are cumulatively considerable.
  - This project will not have environmental impacts that will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.
  - Although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A Mitigated Negative Declaration will be prepared.
- Public Review Period:** July 6, 2022, to August 4, 2022
- Public Review:** The Initial Study is available (beginning July 6, 2022) for public review at [https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/ceqa/](https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/ceqa/). All documents referenced in the Initial Study are available at the office of Brelje & Race, 475 Aviation Blvd. Suite 120, Santa Rosa. The public is invited to submit written comments regarding the environmental findings and the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration determination to Gabriel Edwards, Environmental Scientist, State Water Resources Control Board, gabriel.edwards@waterboards.ca.gov. Persons commenting are advised to raise all pertinent issues during the public comment period. If action taken by the State Water Resources Control Board is challenged in court, the legal challenge may be limited to those issues raised by persons during the public comment period.
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