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## State Water Resources Control Board

# Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Section 21092 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072

**PROJECT TITLE:** Big Sandy Rancheria Wastewater System Improvements (Project)

**APPLICANT:** Big Sandy Rancheria of Western Mono Indians of California (Applicant)

**LEAD AGENCY:** State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board)

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Big Sandy Rancheria, one mile east of Auberry in Fresno County

The Project site is not present on any of the lists enumerated under section 65962.5 of the government code.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project involves the construction and operation of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) and associated wastewater collection system within the Big Sandy Rancheria. The Project site consists of the area in which the following components would be located: the proposed WWTP site; proposed wastewater collection pipelines and two lift stations that would accommodate 57 service connections; abandonment of 56 existing septic systems; and electrical improvements to facilitate the new components.

**REVIEW PERIOD START DATE:** September 9, 2024

**REVIEW PERIOD END DATE:** October 9, 2024

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the State Water Board intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project in accordance with CEQA Guidelines.

**A COPY OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION, INITIAL STUDY IS AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW AT:**

State Water Resources Control Board  
Division of Financial Assistance  
Environmental Review Unit  
1001 I Street, 16th Floor  
Sacramento, CA, 95814

The Mitigated Negative Declaration can also be accessed at the State Water Board website: [Lead Agency California Environmental Quality Act \(CEQA\) Documents | California State Water Resources Control Board](#)

**COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT:** Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration should be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board by mail at the address listed above, or by email to [Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov). Comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on **October 9, 2024**.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** For more information on the Project please contact Brian Cary at (916) 449-5624, or at [Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:Brian.Cary@waterboards.ca.gov).