
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: Water Treatment System Upgrade Project (Project)

APPLICANT: Orleans Mutual Water Company (Applicant)

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

PROJECT LOCATION: Assessor's Parcel Number 529-141-037, Humboldt 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 is proposing to improve and replace an existing water distribution system that currently serves 34 residential connections in the unincorporated area of Orleans. The Project would demolish an existing in-line filtration plant and replace it with a new surface, direct-filtration WTP. The Project would construct a new water treatment building with a backwash reclaim tank. A proposed generator and propane tank would be located adjacent to the water treatment building. The existing in-line filtration plant would be replaced due to age, deteriorating condition, outdated composition of the existing system, lack of system redundancy, and insufficient reserves to support fire response flows. The Project would also demolish an existing redwood raw water tank and replace it with a new bolted steel water storage tank. Implementation of the proposed Project would increase water storage capacity and/or operational capability of the overall system. The proposed improvements have been sized to provide for system redundancy and calculated fire flows without additional residential service connections that are non-growth inducing. All components of the Project are described in more detail below. Refer to Figure 3 for a Site Plan of the proposed Project.

REVIEW PERIOD START DATE: July 22, 2024

REVIEW PERIOD END DATE: August 20, 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.

**ADDRESS WHERE COPIES OF THE PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION,
INITIAL STUDY AND REFERENCE ARE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:**

E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, CHAIR | ERIC OPPENHEIMER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT: Comments on the Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration should be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board by mail at the address listed above, or by email to Abbygayle.Guevara@waterboards.ca.gov. Comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 pm on August 20, 2024.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For more information on the Project please contact Abbygayle Guevara at (916) 319-0180, or at Abbygayle.Guevara@waterboards.ca.gov.