

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION



To: Public Agencies, Organizations, and Other Interested Parties

From: Meadow Vista County Water District, 17000 Placer Hills Road, Meadow Vista, CA 95722

RE: Bear River Canal Alternative Water Supply Improvements Project - Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

Notice is hereby given that the Meadow Vista County Water District (District), acting as Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), is releasing for review and comment to all agencies, organizations and interested persons, a Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Bear River Canal Alternative Water Supply Improvements Project (Project). The Draft IS/MND demonstrates that the Project would not have any significant or unmitigable effects on the environment.

Public Review Period: The Draft IS/MND is being circulated for a 30-day review period beginning **November 4, 2026, to December 7, 2026**, pursuant to Section 15105 of the CEQA Guidelines. Members of the public who are interested in reviewing the document and associated appendices may access it at the Meadow Vista County Water District, 17000 Placer Hills Road, Meadow Vista, CA 95722, or on the District's website at <https://mvcwd.com>, and at the State Clearinghouse at <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov>.

Persons responding are urged to submit their comments in writing. Comments should be mailed or emailed to the District, at the addresses listed below, by no later than **4:30 p.m. on December 7, 2026**.

Meadow Vista County Water District

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Project Location: The Project is located at the District's existing Water Treatment Plant property at 142 Hillside Drive, Applegate, California, within unincorporated Placer County. The Project area encompasses portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 073-050-015-000 and 073-050-017-000 and includes approximately 1.6 acres of disturbance. The proposed canal turnout would be located between PG&E canal station placards approximately 1075+00 and 1075+50, near approximate coordinates 38.989528 N, -121.011544 W.

The Bear River Canal traverses or is immediately adjacent to the District's WTP property. Existing access to the site is available from a PG&E maintenance road and existing District access roads. The Project area consists of undeveloped land containing oak and pine woodland, shrubs, grasses, and existing WTP facilities.

Project Description: The District, acting as the Project Applicant and CEQA Lead Agency, proposes the Bear River Canal Alternative Water Supply Improvements Project (Project) to improve the reliability and resiliency of potable water service for the Meadow Vista community. The Project would provide an alternative raw water supply to the District's existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP) during planned maintenance outages, emergency interruptions, or other disruptions affecting the District's primary raw water source from the Placer County Water Agency (PCWA) Bowman Feeder Canal system. The Project would allow the District to divert raw water from Pacific Gas & Electric Company's (PG&E) Bear River Canal for treatment at the existing WTP when sufficient canal capacity is available and the primary supply is unavailable. The Project would not increase the existing WTP treatment capacity, expand the District's service area, increase customer demand, or facilitate new development.