

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
FOR THE
VALLEY VIEW ACCESS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is the Lead Agency for the Valley View Access Road Construction Project (Proposed Project or Project). The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Project is published and open for public review and comment from October 15, 2020 through November 16, 2020.

Project Objectives:

The Valley View Access Road Construction Project objective is to re-route the existing access road to Valley View Reservoir by constructing a new access road segment, negating the need to use a portion of the existing access road that is currently a private driveway. A lockable gate will be installed at the end of this new access road segment to control access to the road. NID has negotiated a permanent easement from the landowner for this purpose.

Brief Project Description:

At the request of the private landowner, NID proposes to re-route the existing access road and construct a new segment from Kilaga Springs Road to the existing access road at the southeastern edge of the landowner's property boundary. The new segment will be a gravel road, with a locked gate at the end of the road where it conjoins the existing access road. Graders and backhoes will be used to construct the new segment. The access road will require two road crossings over an irrigation ditch and an intermittent stream. Culverts will be installed at these road crossing to maintain flow of the waterways. Approximately 0.02 acre of valley foothill riparian vegetation will be removed for the crossing of the road, and 11 native oak trees. The rest of the road will be constructed in non-native annual grassland.

Project Location:

The Project is located approximately 5 miles northeast of the City of Lincoln in Placer County and lies at an elevation of 460 feet above mean sea level. The Project area is surrounded by privately owned rural residential properties and is northwest of Valley View Reservoir. The Project is located within Section 24 of Township 13N and Range 6E on the Lincoln 7.5- minute U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) topographic quadrangle. The Project Site is located on private property, for which NID has obtained a permanent and temporary construction easement for access.

Project Issues Discussed in the Document:

Project issues discussed in the document are provided in the table below.

Aesthetics	Hydrology and Water Quality
Air Quality	Noise
Biological Resources	Public Services
Cultural Resources	Transportation
Energy	Tribal Resources
Greenhouse Gas Emissions	Utilities and Service Systems
Geology and Soils	Wildfire
Hazards and Hazardous Materials	

With incorporation of mitigation measures, none of these effects will be significant.

Public Review:

The NID Valley View Access Road Construction Project IS/MND is published and open for review and comment from October 15, 2020 through November 16, 2020. The IS/MND is available for public review electronically only, on the NID website (www.nidwater.com/valley-view-access-road-project) (due to the COVID pandemic).

Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 2020.

The NID encourages all commenters to submit their comments on the IS/MND in writing. All comments or questions regarding the Draft IS/MND should be addressed to:

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Input may also be provided at a public meeting starting at 6:00 pm on November 10, 2020 via Zoom.

- The Zoom meeting can be accessed from a computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88919399914>.
- To join as a conference call, dial (669) 900-6833 or (346) 248-7799. The Webinar ID is 889 1939 9914.