
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND INITIAL STUDY

DATE: April 3, 2024

TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations

SUBJECT: **Combie and Ophir 2&3 Siphon Replacement Project — PLACER COUNTY, CA**

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Combie and Ophir 2&3 Siphon Replacement Project (Proposed Project). NID has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The Proposed Project is located Placer County, in the North Auburn area, primarily east of Highway 49 and north of Bell Road with siphon crossings of Orr Creek, Dry Creek and Rock Creek.

Project Description: The Combie and Ophir 2&3 Siphon Replacement Project (Project) involves the replacement of three existing underground siphon pipelines. These siphons are each over fifty years old, are nearing the end of their useful life, and require resizing to address approved future flow needs. The siphons are part of NID’s Combie & Ophir 2 and 3 raw water delivery system.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, paleontological resources, hazards/hazardous materials, and hydrology/water quality were identified in the Initial Study. All impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level with the implementation of identified mitigation measures.

Hazardous Waste Sites: Pursuant to Section 15087(c)(6) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, NID acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the Project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).

IS/MND Document Review and Availability: The public review and comment period for the Draft IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting April 3, 2024 and ending May 3, 2024**. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, printed hard copies will not be available to the public. However, the Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

<https://www.nidwater.com/combie-and-ophir-siphons-2-3-replacement-project>

Comments/Questions: Comments and/or questions regarding the IS/MND may be directed to:

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