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

DATE: February 27, 2025
TO: Responsible Agencies, Interested Parties, and Organizations
SUBJECT: **Amador Water Agency – Central Amador Water Project (CAWP) Transmission Main Improvements and Tank D Replacement Project, AMADOR COUNTY**

The Amador Water Agency (AWA) is the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for the proposed Central Amador Water Project (CAWP) Transmission Main Improvements and Tank D Replacement Project (56 - CAWP 1A.9 (P)) (WO# 7124110). AWA has directed the preparation of an Initial Study (IS) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) in compliance with CEQA.

Project Location: The 13.94-acre Project Site corresponds to a portion of Sections 6, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32 and 36, Township 6 and 7 North, and Range 12 and 13 east (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) of the "West Point, California" 7.5-minute quadrangle. The approximate center of the Project is located at 38.41943592° North and -120.58698501° West within the Upper Mokelumne watershed (Hydrological Unit Code 18040012; Natural Resources Conservation Service [NRCS] et al. 2016).

Project Description: The Project will include construction of a replacement prestressed concrete water tank, with an operational capacity of 275,000-gallons and associated transmission lines within the community of Pioneer, CA.

Potentially Significant Environmental Impacts: Potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources, transportation, and tribal cultural resources 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, AWA 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 IS/MND will extend for 30 days **starting February 27, 2025 and ending March 31, 2025**. The Draft IS/MND can be viewed and/or downloaded at the following website:

https://amadorwater.org/connection-installation/environmental-review/

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

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