

NOTICE OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) proposes to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970 (Section 15000 et. seq., Title 14, California Code of Regulations) for the Alta Sierra Reservoir Replacement Project.

NID is proposing to remove and dispose of the existing Hypalon-lined Alta Sierra Reservoir and construct two new water storage tanks within the same footprint. The project site is located east of Highway 49 near Grass Valley, California. The site is bordered by Francis Drive to the north and private property to the east, west, and south. The existing Alta Sierra Reservoir was constructed in 1976. The 3-million-gallon reservoir was constructed as a covered potable water storage reservoir with a Hypalon lining. However, the Hypalon lining is continuing to deteriorate and is nearing the end of its useful life. Continued operation of the existing reservoir in its deteriorated condition would increase the risk of contamination of treated water resulting from leaks in the liner and would require increasing maintenance in the future. The new tanks would be concrete that may be stained a neutral color to blend with the surrounding environment and would be covered. The configuration of the two tanks would be derived during the design process, keeping with the existing berm footprint. The roof of the tank would be approximately 30 feet high, and approximately 14 feet above the existing berm. The earthen berm surrounding the existing reservoir would be reconfigured for tank construction.

The 30-day period for public review and comment on the proposed MND begins August 21, 2018. All comments must be submitted by September 19, 2018. Please address comments on the proposed MND as follows:

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E-mail comments may be addressed to: stepaniank@nidwater.com

A copy of the Initial Study and proposed MND and supporting documents can be reviewed at the at the following locations:

Nevada Irrigation District Business Center
1036 West Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Madelyn Helling Library
980 Helling Way
Nevada City, CA 95959

The Initial Study and proposed MND can also be viewed online at: <https://nidwater.com/alta-sierra-reservoir-replacement-project/alta-sierra-reservoir-replacement-project-documents/>.

A public meeting will be held for the project on Thursday, September 13, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with the project presentation starting at 6:00 p.m. and discussion to follow, in the NID Board Room, 1036 W. Main Street, Grass Valley.

NID will also conduct a public hearing to consider comments on the project's environmental document, certify the Draft IS/MND, and approve the proposed project on September 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the NID Board Room at 1036 W. Main Street Grass Valley.