

CITY OF YUBA CITY
STAFF REPORT

Date: August 16, 2016

To: Honorable Mayor & Members of the City Council

From: Public Works Department

Presented by: Ben Moody, Deputy Public Works Director - Engineering

Summary

Subject: Barry Elementary School Waterline Extension Project - Adoption of the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Recommendation: Adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Barry School Waterline Extension Project

Fiscal Impact: No fiscal impact – requirement of project grant application

Purpose:

To advance the provision of City water service to Barry Elementary School.

Background:

Barry Elementary School is located at 1255 Barry Road, with a student enrollment of approximately 600 students. The school has been plagued with various water quality issues for over 5 years. The most serious water quality concern is the high level of arsenic, which exceeds the state maximum contaminant level.

In coordination with the State Water Resources Control Board, the school prepared a Feasibility Study to determine a viable option for providing clean drinking water to the site. Various onsite treatment options were explored, however, due to long term costs and operation requirements for onsite treatment, the study determined that the most viable option was to obtain water from the City.

At the June 2, 2015 Council meeting, staff was authorized to proceed forward with the State grant application to determine project eligibility and funding. As part of the application process, an environmental review of the project scope was needed.

Analysis:

To meet the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the City enlisted the services of Provost & Pritchard to prepare an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to assess the potential adverse environmental effects of the proposed project. It was determined that minor environmental effects could potentially occur from project implementation in the areas of biological resources; cultural resources; and noise sensitivity. Staff and the project consultants have worked closely with all regulatory agencies involved in the permitting process including: Feather River Air Quality Management District, California Fish and Game Commission, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Marine Fisheries Services, and Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board. Mitigation measures addressing their

comments and concerns have been identified and incorporated into the project in order to reduce potential impacts.

A draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), was prepared and filed with the State Clearinghouse (SCH # 2016062026) on June 9, 2016 and the Sutter County Clerk on June 9, 2016. The draft IS/MND was circulated for public review June 9, 2016 through July 11, 2016. No comments were received during the public review period. Staff review comments were addressed and have been included in the final IS/MND; therefore, staff recommends the City Council of the City of Yuba City adopt the final version of the Mitigated Negative Declaration*.

**The Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for review in the Public Works Department.*

Fiscal Impact:

No fiscal impact – requirement of project grant application.

Alternatives:

Do not approve or modify the recommendation.

Recommendation:

Adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project.

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