

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Lead Agency: Purissima Hills Water District

Project Title: McCann Operations Center Improvements Project

Project Location: 26451 Ascension Drive, Los Altos Hills, California 94022

Project Proponent: Purissima Hills Water District

Project Description: The Purissima Hills Water District (District) is implementing improvements to the McCann Operations Center, which houses the District's maintenance staff offices, parts inventory, and vehicles. Improvements include replacing the existing building with a new 2-story, approximately 7,600 square-foot structure in approximately the same location as the existing building. The footprint of the new building extends into the hillside, which will require grading of the slope and the installation of a retaining wall. Improvements also include a new 30-kilowatt emergency generator, a new 2,000-gallon above ground fuel tank that will have two separate internal fuel tanks, and a covered storage area along the southern developed area of the site. Additionally, the project includes encroachment into an existing conservation easement. The purpose of the project is to erect a facility that could withstand and remain operational after a seismic event, as the existing building was built in 1970, and a recent seismic evaluation determined that the building would not meet full compliance for ASCE 31 Tier 1 Life Safety Performance Criteria. Construction is expected to begin in March 2026 and end April 2027.

The District is the Lead Agency for the project. The District has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) that has determined that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect because design features, best management practices, and mitigation measures incorporated into the project will reduce potentially significant impacts to biological resources, cultural resources and tribal cultural resources to a less than significant level. The District will provide this Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (Notice of Intent) to the public, responsible agencies, trustee agencies, the Santa Clara County Clerk-Recorder's Office, and the State Clearinghouse. The District will provide this Notice of Intent to the public by mailing it to the names and addresses of all organizations and individuals who have requested such notice in writing and local agencies with interest in the project.

The project site is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 (CalEPA 2022, DTSC 2022, SWRCB 2022) due to the former presence of a leaking underground fuel tank. That tank was removed in 1995 and the case was closed (Regional Water Quality Control Board Case Number 43-1083).

Public Review Period: A 20-day public review period for the IS/MND will commence May 7, 2025 and continue through May 27, 2025. No public hearing on this matter will be held. Interested individuals and public agencies may submit written comments on the document, which must be received by the District no later than 5:00 PM on May 27, 2025.

The District shall consider the IS/MND and all written comments received by the close of the comment period prior to deciding whether or not to adopt the MND. If the District's Board of Director's determines based on the review of the IS/MND and comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the project would result in a significant environmental impact and no formal protest of the proposed IS/MND is filed, the IS/MND will be considered for adoption at a Board meeting scheduled for June 11, 2025. It should be noted that adoption of an IS/MND does not constitute approval of the project under

consideration. The decision to approve or deny the project will be made separately as required by the District.

Please send your comments to:

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Document Availability: The document will be available for review on the Purissima Hills Water District website at www.purissimawater.org . Copies of the IS/MND and all documents referenced in the IS/MND are available for review at the District's offices at 26375 Fremont Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022, during normal working hours. Written comments on the draft IS/MND must be received by 5:00 P.M. on May 27, 2025.

Signed by:

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Signature

Date