

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AND INTENT TO ADOPT A
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION
for the
Twin Lakes Church Pilot Recharge Well Project**

DATE: September 12, 2018
TO: Responsible Agencies, Trustee Agencies, Interested Parties
LEAD AGENCY: Soquel Creek Water District
PROJECT TITLE: Twin Lakes Church Pilot Recharge Well Project

PROJECT LOCATION:

A pilot recharge well to be located at the Twin Lakes Church campus at 2701 Cabrillo College Drive in Aptos, California. Twin Lakes Church occupies an approximately 16-acre parcel (Assessor Parcel Number 037 251 19). The Twin Lakes Church site has church buildings, a children's center and school, and a gymnasium. The southeastern portion of the site where the Project would be located includes parking lots, an earthen and grass sports field, and urban wooded areas. The Project would be located in an undeveloped wooded area adjacent to a parking lot. The Twin Lakes Church site is accessed via Highway 1, Park Avenue, Soquel Drive, and Cabrillo College Drive.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This notice has been prepared to notify agencies and interested parties that the Soquel Creek Water District (District) as the Lead Agency has prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration to provide the public and trustee agencies with information about the potential environmental effects of the Twin Lakes Church Pilot Recharge Well Project (Project). The District proposes to design and construct one groundwater recharge pilot well on property owned by Twin Lakes Church. The primary purpose of the Project would be to confirm the expected recharge and extraction rates for a potential groundwater replenishment well at the pilot well location, determine the recharge capacity of the well, and collect soil and groundwater samples for geochemical and hydrogeologic analysis of the aquifer.

The pilot well would be located within an unenclosed, 4-square-foot footprint. The construction footprint would be approximately 20,000 square feet, and temporary fencing would be installed. Upon completion, the above-ground portion of the pilot well would be a 14-inch diameter stainless steel capped pipe protruding approximately 3 feet above the ground surface. The pilot well would be drilled to a depth of approximately 1,000 feet. Two additional steel pipes approximately 4 inches in diameter and 3 feet above the ground surface would be located adjacent to the 14-inch diameter pipe to assist with well development and testing. Recharge testing of the pilot well would be conducted in 3 tests, and the duration of each test would be 72 hours. The testing period would occur over an approximately 4-week period. After the testing is completed, the pilot well would be capped and the temporary fencing would be removed.

SCHEDULE: Key milestones for project implementation are summarized as follows:

Complete Environmental Review	Fall 2018
Develop Bid Construction Documents	Fall 2018
Begin Construction	Winter 2019
Complete Construction	Spring 2019
Pilot Well Testing	Summer 2019

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

Pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, an Initial Study was prepared for the Project. The Initial Study describes the environmental impacts of the proposed Project, and suggests mitigation measures where necessary to reduce to a less-than-significant level impacts related to biological resources and cultural and tribal cultural resources. Testing of the pilot recharge well during Project operation would not generate significant impacts. Proposed mitigations will be implemented into the Project to ensure that the Project will not generate a significant adverse impact on the environment during construction. Based on this assessment, a Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS / REVIEW: The Draft Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at:

- Soquel Creek Water District Web Site (www.soquelcreekwater.org/PWS-PilotRechargeWell)
- Soquel Creek Water District (5180 Soquel Drive, Soquel)

In accordance with Section 15073 of the State CEQA Guidelines, this Mitigated Negative Declaration is available for public review for 30 days from: **September 12, 2018** through **October 12, 2018**. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. October 12, 2018. Please address comments to:

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In addition, written and oral comments on the Draft IS/MND will be taken at the October 2, 2018 Board Meeting. Meetings begin at 6pm:

Location: Soquel Creek Water District Board Meeting
Capitola City Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue,
Capitola, CA 95010

Dated: September 12, 2018



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