

**NOTICE OF INTENT  
TO ADOPT AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

The Los Osos Community Services District has completed the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the proposed 8<sup>th</sup> Street and El Moro Avenue Well Site Project. The Draft IS/MND found the following environmental factors to be less than significant with mitigation incorporated: Air Quality and Land Use (related to Air Quality impacts).

**APPLICANT:** Los Osos Community Services District

**GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION:** Residential Single Family, Local Coastal Plan Area, Archaeologically Sensitive Area

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Southeast corner of the intersection of 8th Street and El Moro Avenue, in the unincorporated community of Los Osos. The site is within the Residential Single Family land use designation, and is within the County of San Luis Obispo Estero planning area (APN: 038-291-039).

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The proposed project includes: demolition of an existing well house; construction of a new Upper Aquifer Well and if required, skid-mounted ion-exchange unit (nitrate removal facility); and, installation of a pre-manufactured, approximately 600-square foot, metal building to house the existing and proposed wells and nitrate removal facility. The ion-exchange unit will be used to treat approximately 75 to 100 gallons per minute, or approximately 100 to 150 acre-feet per year (afy), of high nitrate water from the new well. The nitrate removal facility will generate approximately 2,800 gallons of brine waste 3-4 times per week. A new 7,000-gallon High Density Polyethylene tank for brine storage will be located within the yard, and will be emptied 3-4 times per week, and trucks will haul the brine off-site for disposal at an approved facility. The brine storage tank will have a high level alarm that will shut the well down in the event the brine waste reaches the high level, which will prevent overflowing. The project includes a new underground waterline that will connect the proposed well to the existing water main located onsite and a new 90-foot long underground pipeline to connect the proposed nitrate removal facility to the proposed brine storage tank. Existing electric utilities will be connected to the new building, and will not require additional ground disturbance. Installation of the new well will increase production from the upper aquifer by 100-150 afy, thus reducing the pumping from the Lower Aquifer by the same amount. The approximate area of disturbance will be up to 1,200 square feet, within the approximately 0.5-acre work yard. Construction would occur during daytime hours during the dry season.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE/SUBSTANCES:** The project site is not included on any of the lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** Comments on the Draft IS/MND may be received in writing between March 27 and April 26, 2015. Written comments should be sent to the Los Osos Community Services District, 2122 9th Street #102, Los Osos, CA 93402.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing is scheduled for Thursday May 7, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. (Open Session), at the Sea Pines Golf Resort, 1945 Solano Street, Los Osos, CA 93402.

**AVAILABILITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:** The Draft IS/MND is available for public review during regular business hours at the Los Osos Community Services District at the address listed above and online at < [www.losososcscsd.org](http://www.losososcscsd.org) >.

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