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COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

DATE:

August 16, 2012

PROJECT PROPONENT:

Placer County Department of Facility Services

Environmental Engineering Division 11476 C Ave., Auburn, CA 95603

(530) 886-4900

PROJECT NAME:

Sheridan Water Supply Improvements Project

PROJECT LOCATION:

Unincorporated Community of Sheridan, CA Western Placer County, APN 019-080-033-000

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about September 3, 2012 the County of Placer will submit a request to the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) for the release of Community Development Block Grant funds under Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as the Sheridan Water Supply Improvements Project.

This is a two-phase project; phase one, which is partially funded by a Community Development Block Grant, is for the purpose of constructing a new public water well, upsizing approximately 400-feet of water main, and extending the water main approximately 200-feet to the proposed well site, all to provide an additional water supply to the community of Sheridan, California. The second phase is to install a storage tank on the well site and upsize and construct approximately 1,800 linear feet of distribution water line. The distribution system upgrades will occur between the well site and existing elementary school and include upsizing the existing 4" and 6" lines to 10" lines and adding a new section of 10" line.

The total project cost is estimated to be \$1,530,000 of which \$380,000 is from the block grant, approximately \$285,000 is from an anticipated USDA Rural Utility Service grant, \$430,000 is from the Placer County General Fund and up to \$925,000 would be loaned from the Placer County Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

11476 C Avenue Auburn CA 95603 Entrance at 2855 2nd Street

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The County of Placer has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required and an Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared.

The EA and additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record on file at the following locations:

- Community Development Resource Agency public counter at 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603. Open 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Lincoln Public Library, 485 Twelve Bridges Drive Lincoln, CA 95648
- Sheridan Elementary School Library 4730 H Street Sheridan, CA 95681

The EA can also be accessed through the County's website at: www.placer.ca.gov/Departments/CommunityDevelopment/EnvCoordSvcs/NegDec.aspx

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to Maywan Krach, Environmental Coordination Services, at the Placer County Community Development Resource Agency, 3091 County Center Drive, Suite 190, Auburn, CA 95603, by email at cdraecs@placer.ca.gov, or by fax (530)745-3003.

All comments received by August 31, 2012 will be considered by the County of Placer prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Those commenting should specify which part of this Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The County of Placer certifies to HCD that Steve Brown, Program Coordinator, in his capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The HCD's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the County of Placer to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the County of Placer's (Responsible Entity) certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the County of Placer; (b) the County of

Placer has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HCD at 1800 Third Street, Suite 390, Sacramento, CA 95811-6942. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Steve Brown, Certifying Officer

The objection period follows the submission date specified in the Notice or the actual date of receipt by HCD, whichever is later.