

BUTTE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE LOWER TUSCAN AQUIFER MONITORING, RECHARGE AND DATA MANAGEMENT PROJECT

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Butte County has prepared an Initial Study and is considering the adoption of a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Lower Tuscan Aquifer Monitoring, Recharge, and Data Management Project. The first public hearing regarding this project will be held before the Butte County Board of Supervisors on June 8, 2010, at 9:30 a.m. in the Butte County Board of Supervisors' Room, County Administration Center, 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. At a second hearing to be held on June 22, 2010, the Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the Initial Study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project at 25 County Center Drive, Oroville, California.

Applicant: Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation

Project Name: Lower Tuscan Aquifer Monitoring, Recharge, and Data Management Project

Planner: Chris Thomas, Department of Development Services

Location: Various locations overlying the Lower Tuscan Aquifer System in Butte and Tehama Counties.

Project Description: The Board of Supervisors is considering approval of an Initial Study and a Mitigation Negative Declaration related to a field research and data analysis project that will improve current knowledge regarding recharge and properties of the Tuscan Aquifer.

CEQA requires this notice to disclose whether any aspect of the project may cause a significant impact on the environment. The project sites do not contain a listed toxic site.

The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND), application, and reference documents for this project are on file for public review and comment starting May 12, 2010 through June 11, 2010, at the Butte County Planning Division, 7 County Center Drive, Oroville, California. The IS/MND is also available for review on the County website at www.buttecounty.net/dds then by selecting Planning, Mitigated Negative Declarations and then the project document or at <http://www.buttecounty.net/waterandresource> and then by selecting Tuscan Aquifer Project.

Comments may be submitted in writing at any time prior to the hearings or orally at the meetings listed above or as may be continued to a later date. If you challenge the above application in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to the public hearing. For information call or send an email to **Chris Thomas**, (530) 538-6706 or cthomas@buttecounty.net