

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT  
A DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

**To:** All Interested Persons and Agencies  
**Date of Notice:** April 22, 2016  
**From:** United Water Conservation District  
**Project Title:** Piru Spreading Grounds Solar Project

<b>Lead Agency:</b>	<b>Environmental Consultant:</b>
United Water Conservation District 106 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> Street Santa Paula, CA 93060	Rincon Consultants, Inc. 180 North Ashwood Avenue Ventura, California 93003

A Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) has been prepared for the proposed Piru Spreading Grounds Solar Project. United Water Conservation District is the local lead agency, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), responsible for preparation of this document. United Water Conservation District intends to adopt the IS-MND prepared for the proposed Piru Spreading Grounds Solar Project.

**Project Location: CA 126, Unincorporated Ventura County; APN 057-0-020-145.**

The proposed project would be located on the south side of CA 126, approximately 1,300 feet east of the CA 126/Main Street intersection. The project site is in the community of Piru, in unincorporated Ventura County.

**Project Description:**

The proposed project is a fenced and gated 2.0 megawatt alternating current (MW-AC) or 2.4 megawatts direct current (MW-DC) solar photovoltaic (PV) energy generation facility. The facility would consist of 5,780 PV modules, 1,192 piers, 8 drive motors, and 24 combiner boxes. The facility would be connected to Southern California Edison's electricity grid at the existing utility pole location on CA-126 (Pole ID No. 4215667F) via an underground utility trench approximately 795 linear feet in length. To support the additional load, the existing wood utility pole would be replaced with a steel pole. Solar panels would occupy approximately 12 acres of the 21.52 acre site and would have a maximum height of 10 feet and would be mounted on piers. The project would also include perimeter fencing with an access gate, as well as a 12 foot wide maintenance and access road through the center of the site.

**Summary of Impacts:**

The proposed project would not result in any potentially significant unavoidable adverse impacts. Potential impacts to biological resources and cultural resources would be less than significant with the implementation of mitigation measures contained in the IS/MND.

The site is not listed on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the Government Code.

**Public Comment Period:**

The public comment period for this IS-MND begins on Friday, April 22 2016 and will end on Monday, May 23, 2016 (comments must be received no later than 5PM on May 23, 2016). Copies of the IS-MND will be available for review at the United Water Conservation District office, located at 106 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street in Santa Paula, and at the following Ventura County libraries:

Piru Library 3811 Center Street Piru, California 93040	Fillmore Library 502 2 <sup>nd</sup> Street Fillmore, California 93015
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The document will also be available on the United Water Conservation District Website: [www.unitedwater.org](http://www.unitedwater.org)

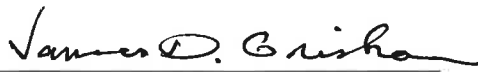
Please submit comments in writing to the following address:

United Water Conservation District  
Attn: James Grisham, Engineering Manager  
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**Contact Information:**

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Signed:

  
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United Water Conservation District

Date: April 21, 2016