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**Garberville Sanitary District**

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT INITIAL STUDY/PROPOSED MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that in accordance with Section 15072 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Garberville Sanitary District is circulating a Draft Initial Study/Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft-IS/MND) for the following project:

**Project Name:** Robertson/Wallan/Hurlbutt Tanks Replacement Project

**Project Location:** The project is located within the boundaries of the Garberville Sanitary District (GSD) in the unincorporated community of Garberville, California. The project is located on Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs) 032-211-011, 032-211-021, 223-191-006, 223-191-006, 223-181-020, 032-211-011, 223-181-025, 223-183-003, and 223-191-011, portions of which are currently developed with GSD water system infrastructure. The project is located within the United States Geological Survey Garberville 7.5-minute Quadrangle, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Section 24, Township 4 South, Range 4 East, Sections 18 and 19, Humboldt Meridian.

**Description of Project:** GSD proposes to replace the existing 180,000-gallon, in-ground, concrete, finished water storage tank (Hurlbutt/Main Tank) and a 20,000-gallon, failing, redwood drinking water storage tank (Wallan Tank) with two new increased capacity tanks. In addition, the failing Robertson Tank, which has been taken out of service, would be removed from the system. The new Main Tank would be an in-ground, approximately 550,000-gallon, pre-stressed concrete tank located on an adjacent parcel and similar elevation to the existing tank. The existing Wallan Tank would be replaced with an approximately 77,000-gallon bolted steel tank. Both of the existing tanks in operation are leaking and lack sufficient storage capacity for maximum daily consumption and fire suppression; they also do not meet current seismic design standards. In addition, GSD proposes to replace or upgrade three booster pump stations (Upper Maple Lane Pump Station, Arthur/Alderpoint Pump Station, and Wallan Pump Station). The existing Upper Maple Lane Pump Station is located at the existing Hurlbutt Tank site and would be demolished when the Hurlbutt Tank is demolished. A new Upper Maple Lane Pump Station would be constructed at the site of the new Main Tank. The existing Arthur Pump Station is in poor condition and has operational deficiencies that would be improved when this pump station is replaced by the Alderpoint Pump Station. The Wallan Pump Station is in poor condition and requires upgrades to meet the operational requirements of the new Wallan Tank. Some new segments of distribution piping would be installed as part of this project in order to connect the new tanks and pump stations to the existing distribution system. Regarding operations, the proposed project would alter the location of some of GSD's water storage and conveyance infrastructure but would not change the type of ongoing operations.

**Presence of Hazardous Waste Facilities, Properties, and Disposal Sites on the Project Site:** The project site is not included on any lists enumerated under Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code.

**Document Availability:** The Draft-IS/MND and related reference documents will be available for review on the GSD website at the following address: <https://www.garbervillesd.org/robertson-hurlbutt-wallan-tanks-replacement-project>. These documents will also be available for review during normal business hours at GSD's office at 919 Redwood Drive, Garberville, CA 95542.

**Public Review Period:** The public comment period begins on October 25, 2023 and will end on November 24, 2023 at 5:00 PM. Written comments can be emailed ([jmshort@garbervillesd.org](mailto:jmshort@garbervillesd.org)) or mailed to the attention of Jennie Short, Project Manager, Garberville Sanitary District, P.O. Box 211, Garberville, California 95542.