

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration and Notice of Availability for Public Review

To: Interested Individuals
San Benito County Clerk

From: Aromas Water District
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Project Name: Driscoll Well and Pump Station Project

Project Applicant: Aromas Water District

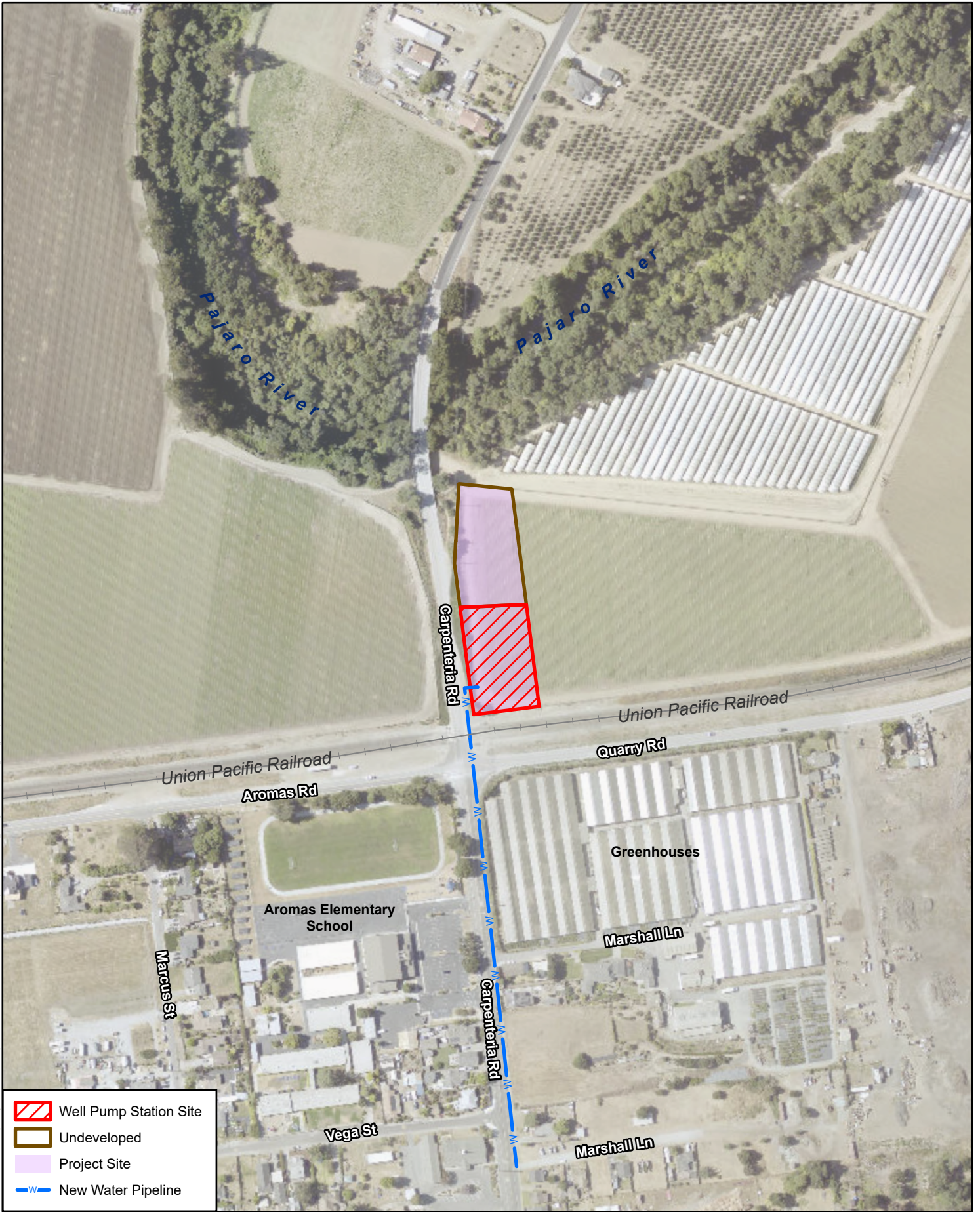
Project Location: Assessor's Parcel Number APN 0113900110, northeast of the Carpenteria Road/Quarry Road intersection

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Driscoll Well and Pump Station Project is available for public review and the Aromas Water District (District), as Lead Agency, intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project, which finds that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment.

The approximately 1.8-acre project site is located northeast of the Carpenteria Road and Quarry Road intersection, immediately north of the Union Pacific Railroad tracks, on Assessor's Parcel Number 0113900110 in unincorporated San Benito County, as shown in the attached figure. The project is not located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5. The proposed project consists of construction and operation of a new municipal water supply well, pump station, water treatment system, solar photovoltaic system, and associated infrastructure on the southern portion of the site. The remaining northern portion of the site would be fenced and not developed. The project also includes installation of an approximately 730-foot-long underground 8-inch water pipeline within the Carpenteria Road right-of-way, crossing beneath the Union Pacific Railroad tracks to connect to the District's existing water distribution system on Marshall Lane. The purpose of the project is to supplement the current potable water system capacity and provide redundancy for the District's production and distribution infrastructure. This will enhance the District's ability to reliably serve existing users. The well is intended to provide system redundancy to meet existing water demands, improve drought resilience, and is not intended to support new growth or expanded service capacity.

The public review period in which comments will be accepted begins **Monday June 1, 2026**, and ends at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday July 1, 2026**. The IS/MND is available for review at the District offices at the above address and at the District website:<https://www.aromaswaterdistrict.org/construction-projects>.

Comments regarding this IS/MND must be made in writing and submitted to Robert Johnson, Aromas Water District, P.O. Box 388, Aromas, California 95004, or by email to robert@aromaswaterdistrict.org.



Source: ESRI, 2025.