

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND NOTICE OF
REDWAY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC
HEARING FOR THE PLACE AND PURPOSE OF USE, EXTENSION OF TIME, AND
INSTREAM DEDICATION PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and Section 15072 of the State Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Redway Community Services District (District) hereby gives notice to responsible agencies, trustee agencies, interested parties, and the general public that the District intends to adopt an Initial Study and Proposed Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for the Place and Purpose of Use, Extension of Time, and Instream Dedication Project. The Redway Community Services District Board of Directors will consider and make a decision on the adequacy of the IS/ND and the merits of the proposed project.

PROJECT TITLE: Place and Purpose of Use, Extension of Time, and Instream Dedication Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The Project area consists of approximately 756 acres total acres within the community of Redway in unincorporated Humboldt County, California. The Project Area is located within Sections 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Humboldt Base and Meridian (HB&M).

DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT: The Redway Community Services District (RCSD, District), as Applicant, is applying to the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) – Division of Water Rights to amend existing water rights, including the following three components: An expansion in the Purpose and Place of Use (POU) for an existing diversion located in the South Fork of the Eel River (SF Eel River) to include all properties located within the District's jurisdictional boundary under the respective appropriative license (Application No: A11876; Permit No.: 07489; License No.: 3791) and an appropriative permit (Application No.: 23017; Permit No.: 15665) for the existing diversion. The Meadows Business Park has been served by the RCSD since 1998. RCSD has also applied for a Petition for an Extension of Time associated with the SF Eel River appropriative permit (Application No.: 23017; Permit No. 15665) to include the recorded diversion from calendar year 2011 as the maximum beneficial use for the permit to ensure sufficient diversion amounts would be allowed and available to serve RCSD service connections once the future appropriative license is obtained. RCSD holds a third water right, which allows for diversion from an unnamed spring (Application No.: 23018; Permit No.: 15666), a tributary to the SF Eel River. RCSD is requesting the permit for the unnamed spring to be licensed by the SWRCB to retain the allocated diversion amount, although RCSD has not diverted water from the unnamed spring since 2008. As part of the Project, once licensed, the RCSD is seeking to permanently dedicate their allocated diversion amount for instream use for recreational and fish and wildlife preservation and enhancement ecological and recreational purposes. No new ground disturbance is proposed.

MEETING DATE/TIME: September 16, 2026, at 6:00 P.M.

MEETING LOCATION: Redway Community Services District, 3168 Redwood Drive, Redway, CA 95560.

The meeting agenda will be posted at the following link: <https://redwaycsd.org/>, or you may contact Cody Cox, General Manager, at cody@redwaycsd.org or (707) 923-3101 to be sent a copy of the agenda.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN: The Redway Community Services District Board of Directors will receive a staff presentation, consider public comments, and decide to either adopt, not adopt, or modify the IS/ND.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: A 30-day public review period will extend from August 3, 2026, to September 2, 2026. The IS/ND will be available for public review at the following locations:

- Online:
 - Governor's Office and Planning and Research (OPR) CEQAnet Web Portal: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/>
 - District Website: <https://redwaycsd.org/place-of-use-review>
- In Person:
 - Redway Community Services District
3168 Redwood Drive, Redway, CA 95560
(Available Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM)

Please e-mail any comments on the IS/ND by 5:00 PM on September 2, 2026, to Cody Cox, General Manager, at cody@redwaycsd.org. Comments may also be sent via mail to: Redway Community Services District, Attn: Cody Cox, General Manager, 3168 Redwood Drive, PO Box 40, Redway, CA, 95560.