

STAFF REPORT

Board Meeting of January 20, 2021

AGENDA ITEM: 5-H

PREPARED BY: Dylan Stone, Principal Regional Planner

SUBJECT:

San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority Madera Station Relocation Project Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration

Enclosure: No

Action: Information and Discussion Only

SUMMARY:

The San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority (SJJPA) has prepared a Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the Madera Station Relocation Project. The Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration includes revisions to the Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration released on October 14, 2020. In addition, responses to all comments received during the public review period (October 14 to November 16, 2020) are included in Appendix I. If you submitted a comment, via email, letter, webpage, or during the webinars held on November 5, 2020, responses to all comments are available in Appendix I. Lastly, the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration also includes a Mitigation Monitoring Reporting Program, which is included as Appendix J in the document.

The Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, as well as referenced documents, are available for review at the Project Webpage: https://sjjpa.com/madera-station-relocation-project/

The Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration, along with supporting documents, will be considered for approval at the SJJPA Board Meeting to be held on January 22, 2021 starting at 9 a.m. Due to physical meeting restrictions due to COVID-19, the SJJPA Board Meeting will be held online and can be accessed by members of the public by following the link in this report here, where a GoToMeeting link will be posted a week before the meeting. Please join the SJJPA Board Meeting on January 22, 2021 if you would like to provide any comments on the Final Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration.

SJJPA staff has encouraged those wishing to show support for the approval of the environmental document to attend and participate in the January 22, 2021 meeting. MCTC staff will attend and participate in the meeting.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget.