

# California Environmental Quality Act Notice of Preparation Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) notice is given to responsible and interested agencies and parties the State of California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has undertaken the preparation of an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) to determine if the proposed project would have a significant environmental impact. HCD has preliminarily determined that the following project proposal could be adequately evaluated under CEQA through conducting a MND. The proposed project has also been evaluated under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) through an Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared under regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**Project Title:** Tier I Environmental Review Record  
State of California  
2018 Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery,  
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Grant  
Program in Butte County

**Project Proposal:** The State of California HCD, the “Proponent”, has submitted an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS-MND) to evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the reconstruction of single-family houses damaged or destroyed in 2018 in Butte County.

**Project Location:** The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) will provide grants to very-low, low- and moderate-income (LMI) homeowners whose primary residence was damaged or destroyed in 2018 by disasters that occurred in the California counties identified in the following Table 1.

**Table 1. 2018 Federally Declared Disaster Areas**

Federally Declared Disaster DR-4382

1. Lake County
2. Shasta County

Federally Declared Disaster DR-4353

1. Butte County
2. Los Angeles County
3. Ventura County

Project work in the 4 counties other than Butte is categorically exempt from CEQA review per a previous Notice of Exemption document.

**Public Involvement:** HCD is inviting the general public to submit comments on potential environmental impacts that could result from implementation of the proposal. The proposed IS-MND/EA are available for public review at the following locations:

Web-site:

California HCD:

<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/disaster-recovery-programs/cdbq-dr/cdbq-dr-2018/index.shtml>

Due to ongoing restrictions related to opening of public libraries, the IS-MND and EA documents are not currently available at public libraries. Hard copies can be requested at the following email address: [DR-Enviro@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:DR-Enviro@hcd.ca.gov).

The public comment period on the draft IS-MND described above will extend from April 29, 2021 to May 29, 2021. The County will consider all submissions received on or before May 29, 2021. Please direct comments Please submit your request by U.S. Mail to California Department of Housing and Community Development, 2020 West El Camino Ave., Suite 200, Sacramento, CA 95833 or by email to [DR-Enviro@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:DR-Enviro@hcd.ca.gov). If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Douglas Ganey at (916) 947-1000.

The District will actively consider any comments timely received. The results of this consideration will be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments are reflected directly in the IS-MND, either through a modification of the document prompted by the comments or an appendix to the IS-MND articulating responses to the comments. Once the IS-MND is complete, and if a MND is determined to be appropriate based upon the analysis contained in the IS-MND, pursuant to (Public Resources code Section 21000-21177) and Section 15063 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations and to the interested public stating that the IS-MND is available for review. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level, HCD will initiate preparation of an Environmental Impact Report and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.