

PUD board Oks sewer plant study

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A proposal to relocate the Valley Springs Public Utility District's wastewater treatment plant is moving forward.

The district's Board of Directors on Wednesday voted 3-9 in favor of a resolution certifying the project's environmental document and mitigated negative declaration. Directors Lucille Allee, Connie Gleason, and Andy Whitaker voted in favor, while Directors Theresa Cardenas and Paul Robertson were absent.

The proposal has to go to the county for approval of a General Plan amendment and conditional use permit.

The district is seeking a \$6 million government grant and a \$2.8 million in a low-interest U.S. Department of Agriculture loan to finance the project, which would replace the existing facility off State Route 12/26 next to the Valley Oaks Center.

Construction of the new wastewater treatment plant planned for about a mile north of Valley Springs on the Coe property off Paloma Road, is expected to last approximately a year and tentatively planned to begin in 2017 with completion in 2018.