

Notice of Intention to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration / Notice of Availability

Notice is Hereby Given: The City of Orange Cove (City) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration on a water treatment plant improvement / water storage project (Project). The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The MND has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the Project.

Project Title: Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Orange Cove Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project

Project Location and Description: The existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is within the eastern edge of the City and the water storage basins are adjacent to the City. The proposed Project is bisected by the Friant-Kern Canal and is immediately south of SR 63. The Project includes three components and the locations of these are as follows: 1. Line raw water storage basins: The existing water storage basins are on the south side of State Route 63, roughly 0.15 miles east of the intersection with Hills Valley Road in Tulare County. The existing basins are surrounded by orchards, a fallow field, and an approximately 8-acre solar farm. 2. Construct new water storage basin: This component is just west of the existing water storage basins in a fallow field on the southeast corner of the State Route 63 and Hills Valley Road intersection in Tulare County. The site is surrounded by orchards, an approximately 8-acre solar farm, the existing water storage basins, and the Friant-Kern Canal. 3. Construct and operate new treatment facilities: The existing water treatment plant is at 602 2nd Street, in the City of Orange Cove in Fresno County. The site is surrounded by residential and municipal development and the Friant-Kern Canal.

Document Availability and Public Review Timeline: Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 30 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Mitigated Negative Declaration will be from April 18, 2019 to May 18, 2019. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Orange Cove, 633 Sixth Street, Orange Cove, CA 93646 Please send your comments to June Bracamontes, City Clerk at the address shown above or by phone: (559) 626-4488 ext. 214.

City Council Consideration: The Orange Cove City Council intends to consider the Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2019
Time: On or after 6:30 p.m.
Location: Orange Cove Council Chambers
633 6th Street
Orange Cove, CA 93646