

CITY OF KINGSBURG WELL TREATMENT PROJECT NEGATIVE DECLARATION

KINGSBURG PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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Project Title: City of Kingsburg: Well Treatment Project

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Project Location: The proposed well project will involve two of Kingsburg's well sites – Well Nos. 12 and 13. Well 12 is located on a triangular-shaped site that is bounded by Lincoln, Earl and Eighteenth, streets. This well must be treated at a remote location. The proposed treatment location is an orchard south of Kern Street (Avenue 396) across from Lincoln Elementary School. Well 13 is located west of 10th Street and north of the Ventura Street alignment. The proposed treatment location is a vacant parcel located east of the pond just off of 10th Avenue.

Project Sponsor's Name and Address: City of Kingsburg
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General Plan Designation: Well Site 12 is designated low density residential and the treatment site is designated agriculture. Well Site 13 is designated Recreation, Conservation and Open Space and the treatment site is designated medium density residential.

Zoning: Well Site 12 is zoned residential and Well Site 13 is zoned RCO.

Project Description:

Kingsburg has seven well sites that provide the water supply for the city's water distribution system. In 2017, the California State Water Board updated the maximum contaminant level (MCL) for the chemical 1,2,3 Trichloropropane also known as TCP. Wells 12 and 13 recently had test results that exceeded the MCL for TCP. The water board has issued a Compliance Order which requires the City to either provide treatment facilities to reduce the TCP levels to below the MCL or discontinue use of the wells. The City cannot supply the water needs of the communities without these wells operational. Thus, the City is proposing to construct TCP treatment plants at these two well sites. The treatment facilities include Granular Activated Carbon vessels which removes the TCP, chlorination disinfection facilities, and miscellaneous piping and site improvements.

The sites are additionally described in the attachment which is excerpted from the TCP Feasibility study completed a few years ago.

Surrounding land uses and setting

Well No. 12

North: offices and single-family dwellings; East: single family units; South: medical facility;
West: single family units

Well No. 13

North: agriculture and single-family dwellings; East: industrial uses; South: vacant land; West: single family dwellings

Other Public agencies whose approval is required (e.g. permits, financing approval or participation agreement): California Regional Water Quality Control Board

FINDINGS OF NO SIGNIFICANCE:

1. The project does not have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
2. The project does not have the potential to achieve short-term economic gain, to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
3. The project does not have the potential to have impacts that are individually limited but cumulatively considerable.
4. The project will not cause substantial adverse effects on people, either directly or indirectly.

DETERMINATION:

On the basis of an initial environmental assessment and the findings mentioned above, the City of Firebaugh determines that the project will not have a significant impact on the environment.

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Date Adopted