

CITY OF HURON

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE ARROYO PASAJERO MUTUAL WATER COMPANY GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROJECT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Huron (City) plans to adopt a mitigated negative declaration for the Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company Groundwater Recharge Project. The public hearing will be held by City Council on Wednesday December 18, 2019 at 5:00pm, at Council Chambers, 17501 12th Street, Huron, 93234.

The project proposes to divert water which reaches the Westside Detention Basin (WSDB) ponding area along the Aqueduct adjacent to Gale Avenue for the benefit of the Arroyo Pasajero Mutual Water Company and the City of Huron for irrigated agriculture, municipal water supply, and flood relief by direct diversion and underground storage. The landowners will manage the water that ponds and infiltrates on their property and propose to install up to four portable temporary pumps (totaling 20 cfs maximum) at the three points of diversion (each approximately 400 square feet) for the distribution of water to percolate over additional existing bermed ponding areas.

The Project is located in south-western portion of Fresno County, central California, approximately 182 miles southeast of Sacramento and 82 miles northwest of Bakersfield, The proposed project site is located approximately 2 miles east of State Route 269 (SR 269), 2.8 miles south of SR 198, and 6 miles northeast of Interstate 5 (I-5) and more specifically, on Assessor's Parcel Numbers 075-380-10ST, 078-020-54S, 078-041-01S, 078-041-02S, 078-130-29S, 078-130-24ST, and 078-130-28ST.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared, describing the degree of potential environmental impacts of the proposed project. The District has assessed the potential environmental impacts of this proposed project and has determined that they will be less than significant with mitigation. Copies of the Initial Study and proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration are on file and available for public review at the Council Chambers, 17501 12th Street, Huron, 93234. The public review period during which the City will receive comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on November 13, 2019 and end on December 12, 2019. Comments should be in writing, if possible, and addressed to Briza Sholars at Provost & Pritchard, 286 West Cromwell Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711, or at bsholars@ppeng.com.

The site has been reviewed in accordance with Government Code Section 65962.5 and is not listed as hazardous waste or materials site.