



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND PUBLIC HEARING

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the City of Chino is considering a recommendation that the project herein identified will have no significant environmental impact in compliance with Section 15070 of the State CEQA guidelines. A copy of the **MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** and the **ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST**, which supports the proposed findings, are on file at the City of Chino.

**Project Title:** Eastside Water Treatment Facility Expansion and Brine Pipeline

**State Clearinghouse Number:** N/A

**Project Applicant:** Howard Industrial Partners

**Project Contact Person:** Amanda Coker, Principal Engineer

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**Project Location:** The Eastside Water Treatment Facility, which is owned and operated by the City of Chino, encompasses approximately 13.5 acres located at 7537 Schaefer Avenue, Ontario. The EWTF site is approximately 1,000 feet west of S. Bon View Avenue in the southwest portion of the City of Ontario, San Bernardino County. The Preferred Alignment for the proposed Brine Pipeline is located within the rights-of-way of Schaefer Avenue, Bon View Avenue, Merrill Avenue, Euclid Avenue, and Kimball Avenue. The project also includes an Alternative Alignment for the Brine Pipeline, which is located within an easement in the northerly prolongation of Campus Avenue, Edison Avenue, Bon View Avenue, Merrill Avenue, Euclid Avenue, and Kimball Avenue.

**Project Description:** The proposed project consists of the expansion of the treatment capacity of the Eastside Water Treatment Facility (EWTF) and construction of approximately 3.5 miles of dual 6-inch diameter PVC (polyvinyl chloride) pipelines to convey brine waste from the EWTF site to the Chino I Desalter Treatment Facility at 6905 Kimball Avenue, Chino CA. All demolition and construction associated with implementation of the EWTF expansion will take place at the existing EWTF site. An existing generator pad, concrete waste vault, highlines, and concrete pads will be demolished, a new generator pad will be constructed, the existing generator connection box will be relocated, a new ISEP™ building will be constructed, new granular activated charcoal (GAC) vessels will be installed, and two existing GAC vessels located near the southeast corner of the EWTF site will be relocated. Existing brine waste tanks located under the treatment plant canopy will be repurposed for the ISEP™ process, since once the Project is complete, they will no longer be needed to store brine waste. Instead of trucking brine waste offsite, brine waste will be conveyed from the EWTF site via the proposed Brine Pipeline to the Inland Empire Brine Line (IEBL). New cartridge filters will be installed east of the existing GAC vessels.

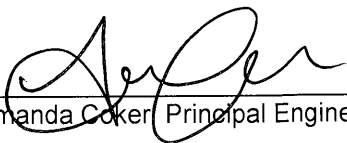
The Brine Pipeline will be constructed using an open trench method, except where it crosses under a drainage culvert at Merrill Street before going south at Euclid Avenue. Vertical trenching will be used at this location so that the pipelines will be constructed under the drainage culvert. Construction of the Brine Pipeline will entail the removal of approximately 86 trees in four locations within the western ROW of Bon View Avenue between Schaefer Avenue and Merrill Avenue.

**Information Available:** The copies of the **INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION** for the project can be reviewed in the Public Works Department at Chino City Hall, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino (City Hall) Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The supporting environmental documentation is also available on the City's website at <http://cityofchino.org/government-services/community-development/environmental-documents>.

**Comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration:** The City of Chino requests your written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration during a **30-day review period** which begins **Thursday, December 26, 2019**, and ends **Monday, January 27, 2020**. All comments must be received no later than 5:30 pm on the last day of the comment period. Please direct your comments or questions to Amanda Coker, Principal Engineer, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino, California 91710 or [acoker@cityofchino.org](mailto:acoker@cityofchino.org).

**Public Hearing:** On **February 18, 2020**, at 7:00 p.m., the Chino City Council will hold a public hearing at Chino City Hall in the City Council Chambers, 13220 Central Avenue Chino, California. You are being invited because you reside and/or own property near the project. If you have questions or comments on the project, you are invited to attend the public hearing, to appear and be heard on the project.

**Notice Date:** December 23, 2019

  
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Amanda Coker Principal Engineer

**Project Location Map:**

