Notice is Hereby Given: The <u>City of Huron (City</u>) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration on the proposed Huron Water Well Project (Project) which includes installation of a new water well to supplement water to the City to meet shortfalls from the City's historical allocation of surface water provided by the Westlands Water District. 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 Huron Water Well Project

Project Location: The proposed well site will be located within the City's existing surface water treatment plant. The site is immediately west of the City's existing wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), which runs along the north and south side of Palmer Avenue, east of Siskiyou Avenue. The proposed new well will be located within an existing fenced area on a portion of a lot assigned Assessor's Parcel Number 075-032-22ST.

Project Description: The Project proposes to construct a test water well that would be utilized for the analysis of groundwater within the City of Huron. Samples will be collected at various depths and the results will be used to design a full production water well. If the test well proves feasible, it would be converted to a full production well with a desired yield of 1,500 gallons/minute. Once constructed, the Project will provide supplemental water to the City to meet shortfalls from the City's historical allocation of surface water provided by the Westlands Water District. If the underlaying groundwater is not rich enough for human consumption, the water will be treated in compliance with the California State Regional Water Quality Control Board standards for the City's drinking water.

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 July 3, 2020 to August 3, 2020. Copies of the Mitigated Negative Declaration can be reviewed at the City of Huron, 36311 Lassen Avenue, Huron, CA 93234.

Please send your comments to Jack Castro, City Manager at the address shown above or by email: <u>admasst@cityofhuron.com</u>.

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

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 Time: On or after 6:00 p.m. Location: Council Chambers 17051 12th Street Huron, CA 93234