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

This is to advise that the City of Wasco Community Development Planning Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be heard at the City of Wasco Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of Wasco will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the Planning Commission's meeting to be held on October 12, 2020. Presentations will be made at approximately 6:00 p.m. Action on items on the commission agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held in the Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, in Wasco, CA 93280.

Project Name

Produced Water Pre-Treatment & Advanced Water Solutions Project by Blue Water Resources

Project Location

Northwest corner of 6th Street and J Street in Wasco, California.

Project Description

The proposed Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit for a wastewater processing facility on a 7-acre parcel within an existing 33,000 square foot industrial building. The wastewater treatment facility is designed to treat industrial, non-hazardous wastewater, which will be brought to the facility by truck transportation.

Process equipment will be installed in an existing industrial building and will be designed to process between 100,000 to 700,000 gallons per day (GPO) of wastewater.

Wastewater received at the facility will be from oilfield operations, including Produced Water and Flow Back Water. The wastewater to be treated will have the following primary ingredients:

- Petroleum oil,
- BOD materials,
- Metals, and
- Suspended solids

Wastewater being received at the site will either be off-loaded directly into the processing facility or held in portable tanks on the property, to be subsequently piped into the processing facility. All processing equipment and process steps will be within the building. Water is treated in a multi-stage treatment process and then pumped to holding tanks. A Blue Water Resource operator will manually initiate operation of the transfer pumps to move Treated water from the product storage tanks will be automatically pumped to tankers that will haul water off the site.

The facility is proposed to operate 7 days a week with 24-hour workdays. The facility will have 15 full-time employees who will work in shifts. There will be 40-75 tanker truck trips and 10-12 water truck trips to the property per day.

The primary objective of the treatment process is to cleanse the water so that it can be sold back to the oil field service companies and re-used in oil extraction operations. Other uses for the treated water include distributing to environmental firms, water resource companies, and other small independent oil and gas producers merchant facilities.

The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at Wasco City Hall located at 764 E Street in Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the Planning Commission at their hearing of October 12, 2020, or may submit written comments on or before October 12, 2020.

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on August 28, 2020, and ended on September 30, 2020. For further information, please contact Jaymie Brauer at 661-616-2600 or jaymie.bruaer@qkinc.com.

If you challenge this proposal or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing-Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7200.

Publish on or before: September 16, 2020

Maria Martinez, City Clerk