

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

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 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: CITY OF CHINO STATE STREET WATER TREATMENT

PROJECT

State Clearinghouse Number: SCH#2022070197

Project Applicant: City of Chino

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Project Location: The proposed project is located at 10762 Benson on the southwest corner of the intersection of West State Street and South Benson Avenue in Unincorporated San Bernardino County between the Cities of Montclair and Chino. The project will be located at the City's existing Reservoir 5 and Well 14 site, which encompasses about 4.51 acres. Additionally, the project will include pipelines that will traverse the following roadways in the vicinity of the project site, which have been selected as the preferred alignment:

- Phillips Boulevard between Well 12 and Vernon Avenue; Vernon Avenue between Phillips Boulevard and State Street; State Street between Vernon Avenue and the State Street Facility
- Benson Avenue at the State Street Facility

The project also involves development at the Well 12 site, which is located at 5251 Phillips Boulevard within the City of Chino just west of the intersection of Central Avenue and Phillips Boulevard. The project sites are generally located within Section 26, Township 1 South, Range 8 West of the USGS 7.5 Minute Ontario topographical quadrangle. The GPS coordinates of the proposed project are approximately are 34.058705°, -117.681522°.

Project Description: The proposed project consists of development of a State Street Water Treatment Facility (State Street WTF), which will be a new centralized treatment project that will treat water from Wells 12 and 14 for nitrate, perchlorate, and 1,2,3-TCP. The project also includes installation of offsite water transmission and brine pipelines, improvements to the existing wells, and site improvements. The water treatment facility will have a capacity to treat up to 4,000 gallons per minute (gpm) and the anticipated extraction rate from each well is 2,000 gpm.

The proposed project would provide treatment for nitrate, perchlorate, and 1,2,3 TCP at Wells 12 and 14. Treatment is anticipated to include pretreatment through sand separators followed by cartridge filters (solids removal), 1,2,3-TCP Removal through Granular Activated Carbon (GAC), perchlorate and nitrate removal through a proprietary ion exchange (IX) treatment system, then disinfection and storage in Reservoir 5 before distribution. The IX treatment system generates waste water known as brine, that will be disposed of through a new connection to north Non-Reclaimable Wastewater System (NRWS) brine disposal pipeline that is managed locally by the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA). The GAC system generates a periodic backwash water when the media is replaced that will be disposed of through a local sewer connection.

Information Available: The INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for the project and supporting environmental documentation are available for your review Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Chino City Hall, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino. The documents are also available on the City's website at: www.cityofchino.org/cip

Environmental Impact: Mitigation measures have been included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects in the following areas: Aesthetics, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Utilities and Service Systems.

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 Friday July 15th, 2022 and ends Monday August 15th, 2022. Please direct your comments or questions to Maria Fraser, CIP Engineering Manager, 13220 Central Avenue, Chino, California 91710 or mfraser@cityofchino.org.

The proposed adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration for this project is planned to occur on September 20th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the regular Chino City Council meeting.

Notice Date: July 15, 2022

Maria Fraser, CIP Engineering Manager