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SCH #: 2018071019

Project Title: City of Merced Wastewater Collection System Master Plan Update Draft Environmental Impact Report

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Project Location: City of Merced *City* Merced *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

The development of the 2017 Wastewater Collection System Master Plan (WCSMP) Update for the City of Merced has evaluated and assessed the function, expansion, and replacement of the wastewater collection system within the City to accommodate future development. As identified in the WCSMP, Alternative Plan A was selected as the proposed Program and the projects identified in Plan A are proposed as the proposed Projects for the development of this Draft Environmental Impact Report.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

Potentially significant impacts were identified for aesthetics and visual resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural and tribal resources, geology and soils, hazards, hazardous materials, and wildfires, hydrology and water quality, noise and vibrations, and transportation and traffic. Please see Table ES-1 in the Draft EIR for the full list of potentially significant impacts and mitigation measures. All potentially significant impacts were reduced to a less than significant level with mitigation.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

During the Notice of Preparation (NOP) public review period, concerns were raised regarding the potential adverse impacts to the following: air quality and greenhouse gases, agricultural resources, hydrology and groundwater resources, hazards and hazardous materials, noise, odor, aesthetics, biological resources, and traffic and transportation. Additionally, concerns regarding alternatives, cumulative impacts, and general plan consistency were also raised. These concerns have been addressed in Chapter 3.0, Environmental Impact Assessment of the Draft EIR. Additionally, concerns of urban blight, environmental justice, impacts to minority communities, and economic impacts were also raised during the NOP process. Generally and as raised by comments, these topics would not result in an environmental impact as a result of the project and are not topics that are required for consideration under the CEQA Guidelines. Where these topics overlap discussions of potential environmental impacts, potential impacts from these topics were also discussed within a specific environmental resource area as applicable. The NOP and comments received on the NOP are included in Appendix A of the Draft EIR and a summarization of issues raised in these comments in included in Section 1.1.2.1, Notice of Preparation, of the Draft EIR.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

The following public or State agencies may serve as responsible and/or trustee agencies for the Program:

- California Air Resources Board
- San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Office of Historic Preservation