

## **Notice of Availability / Notice of Intention to Adopt an Addendum to a Mitigated Negative Declaration (SCH#2019049157)**

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**Notice is Hereby Given:** The City of Orange Cove (City) is the Lead Agency on the below-described project and has prepared an Addendum to the previously adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse #2019049157) for a water treatment plant improvement / water storage project (Project). The complete Project description, location and the potential environmental effects are contained in the Addendum and previous Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND). The Addendum has concluded that no significant environmental impacts will occur as a result of the minor modifications to the Project as described below.

**Project Title:** Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Orange Cove Water Treatment / Water Storage Project

**Project Location and Description:** The existing Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is within the eastern edge of the City and the water storage basins are adjacent to the City. The proposed Project is bisected by the Friant-Kern Canal and is immediately south of SR 63. The Project includes three components and the locations of these are as follows: 1. Line raw water storage basins: The existing water storage basins are on the south side of State Route 63, roughly 0.15 miles east of the intersection with Hills Valley Road in Tulare County. The existing basins are surrounded by orchards, a fallow field, and an approximately 8-acre solar farm. 2. Construct new water storage basin: This component is just west of the existing water storage basins in a fallow field on the southeast corner of the State Route 63 and Hills Valley Road intersection in Tulare County. The site is surrounded by orchards, an approximately 8-acre solar farm, the existing water storage basins, and the Friant-Kern Canal. 3. Construct and operate new treatment facilities: The existing water treatment plant is at 602 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, in the City of Orange Cove in Fresno County. The site is surrounded by residential and municipal development and the Friant-Kern Canal.

**Addendum Description:** The Addendum was prepared to address minor changes that were made to the project description after the MND was adopted by the City in May of 2019. The Addendum addresses installation and operation of approximately 1,130 linear feet of 10" pipeline that will be installed underground along the south side of Highway 63 / Park Boulevard. The pipeline will be used during Friant Kern Canal outages which usually take place every two to three years for 30 to 60 days. During the outage, a diesel pump will be used to pump water from the canal to the storage basins.

**Document Availability and Public Review Timeline:** Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response to the Addendum must be sent at the earliest possible date *but not later than 15 days* after receipt of this notice. The review period for the Addendum will be from November 6, 2020 to November 20, 2020. Copies of the Addendum can be reviewed at the City of Orange Cove, 633 Sixth Street, Orange Cove, CA 93646. Please send your comments to Rudy Hernandez, Interim City Manager at the address shown above or by email at [rudycityoforange Cove.com](mailto:rudycityoforange Cove.com).

**City Council Consideration:** The Orange Cove City Council intends to consider the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration on:

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday, December 9, 2020</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>On or after 6:30 p.m.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Orange Cove Council Chambers 633 6<sup>th</sup> Street Orange Cove, CA 93646</b>