

June 11, 2020

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Project Title: City of Arvin Sanitary Sewer Master Plan

SCH Number:

Project Location: Arvin, California

County: Kern

In accordance with Section 21064.5 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the City of Arvin (City) Sanitary Sewer Master Plan (project) has been prepared and is now available for review and comment.

Project Description: The City proposes the development of the project set forth in the City's General Plan Update (2012) and implementation of a comprehensive capital improvement plan for its wastewater collection system. The purpose of the project is to apply the level of service standards in the capital improvement plan to provide continuous sewer service to ratepayers in the City and to ensure that construction and operation of the sanitary sewer system minimize the possibility of overflow and environmental impact. The project involves improvements to the existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, including the replacement, upgrade, and installation of sanitary sewer pipeline within the City boundary as defined by the City's General Plan Update. Additional information regarding the project is detailed below. The project includes improvements to approximately 54,771 linear feet of sanitary sewer pipeline and 257 manholes throughout the City and comprises 17 individual capital improvement projects. The improvements to the existing sanitary sewer infrastructure, including replacement, upgrade, and installation of sanitary sewer pipeline, proposed by the project are primarily in existing City rights-of-way but are also in undeveloped and vacant parcels throughout the City.

Noticing: The City of Arvin is the CEQA lead agency and intends to use the Draft IS/MND to evaluate the environmental implications of approving the project. The project has been prepared as a Master Plan covering a long-term, multi-year infrastructure improvement program. Because the level of project information available at this stage is more detailed than a typical Master Plan, a project-level analysis was possible. Therefore, the Draft IS/MND includes sufficient project-specific detail, including a detailed project description, and analysis of each proposed capital improvement project to streamline or minimize CEQA review of the future capital improvement projects. The project's anticipated environmental effects are discussed in the Draft IS/MND.

Copies of the Draft IS/MND and all documents referenced therein are available for review online at <https://www.arvin.org/aboutnews/public-notices/>.

Physical copies of the Draft IS/MND and all documents referenced therein are also available for review at the following location:

141 Plumtree Drive, Arvin CA 93203

Your prompt acknowledgement and processing of the Draft IS/MND is appreciated. The public hearing will be advertised in the local newspaper, on the City's website, and by direct mail and email to notify interested individuals and organizations. Comments on the Draft IS/MND can be emailed to **mcuxum@arvin.org** or mailed to:

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141 Plumtree Drive
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Comments should focus on the adequacy of the analysis presented in the Draft IS/MND and must be received no later than **5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10, 2020**. If you have any questions regarding the project, please contact Mitzy Cuxum, Senior Planner, at (661) 606-6066.