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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (SCH # 2020069049)

Date: June 29, 2021

Project Title: Industrial Wastewater Conveyance and Industrial Wastewater Reclamation Facility Project

Lead Agency: City of Gonzales

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Project Description: The City is proposing an expansion to its wastewater treatment infrastructure with construction of a 1.0 million gallon per day (MGD) Industrial Wastewater Reclamation Facility (IWRf) with provisions to expand up to 3.0 or 4.0 MGD in the future. The City's existing municipal wastewater treatment plant (MWWTP) has been challenged the past several years due to the nature of flows discharged to the MWWTP by local industrial facilities. The separation of domestic and industrial waste flows requires a dedicated industrial waste collection system to convey industrial flows to the IWRf. This new facility will allow the City to expand its wastewater capacity for residential, commercial, and industrial development and protect groundwater quality. The project would also include an industrial wastewater conveyance line consisting of approximately 10,700 linear feet (up to 24-inch diameter) located mainly within City right-of-way, existing City sewer easements, or within County rights-of-way. Similar to the existing wastewater conveyance line, the proposed industrial wastewater conveyance line would convey flows by gravity to the IWRf.

Project Location: The IWRf will be located on city-owned parcels, just east of the existing MWWTP on Short Road. The IWRf would comprise a total of approximately 54 acres. Approximately 49 acres are within the City limits and 5 acres are within Monterey County in the City's Sphere of Influence. The 5 acre parcel within Monterey County would be annexed to the City as part of the proposed project. The site includes the following Assessor's Parcel Numbers (APNs): 223-061-017, 223-061-020, 223-061-019, 223-061-002, and 223-061-014. The proposed project site is not located on a Cortese List database (compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5).

Potential Environmental Impacts: The following are potentially significant environmental effects anticipated as a result of the project: air quality, biological resources, cultural & paleontological resources, hazards & hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality. Impacts to agricultural resources would be significant and unavoidable.

Public Review: The City is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act for the project. Public agencies and members of the public are invited to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The review/comment period is 45 days and will commence June 30 and end at 5 PM on August 13, 2021. The Draft EIR can be reviewed on the City's website at <https://gonzalesca.gov/services/public-works/projects> or at the City Hall front counter. Written comments, including email, should be submitted to:

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Comments must be submitted by 5:00 PM on August 13, 2021

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